

THE BITTER END

News from Skagit Bay Sail and Power Squadron

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CALENDAR

09 April, General Meeting, Change of Watch
10 April, Anacortes Boat Show, Cap Sante Marina
27-29 April, Holland Happenings Rendezvous, Oak Harbor



New officers this meeting. Please let editor know any of the positions, other than elected, that change and the officer roster on last page can be accurately changed next month.



Commander's Message **Kari Randall-Secrest, N**

It's spring time, yay! That means elections were held at the March meeting and I am honored to serve as your

Commander for another year. Let me give a very big thank you to everyone on the nominations committee and for those who agreed to hold positions on our bridge and various committees. An extra special thanks goes to George Johnson for his service as our Squadron Education Officer and also to incoming SEO Debbie Richey, who has agreed to take on this position that I'm sure everyone knows is key to any squadron. There are always open positions to fill, so don't be shy about asking if you have considered taking a more active role in our squadron.

We are excited to be offering two 1st Aid courses to our members. Deanna has set up a great 4-6 hour class with certified instructor, Sharon Dubois, for Saturday April 8th and another tentative class on Saturday April 18th. We need an additional 3 people to make the class on the 18th a go, and we can take a maximum of 8 more students on that day. The class is \$30 per person, which really is money well spent when you think about what you're getting. You'll feel so much better prepared on the water this summer knowing you have learned the most up-to-date 1st Aid, CPR and AED techniques and you'll be certified for the next 2 years. Be sure to send Deanna an email at boatrandall@gmail.com if you are interested.

The District 16 Spring Conference was held the weekend of March 20th in Ocean Shores and I'd like to thank Debbie and Mark Richey for attending on behalf of Skagit Bay. Our new District 16 Commander is Jim Jones.

Our Change of Watch will be held at the Farmhouse Restaurant on Thursday, April 9th where we will thank our outgoing bridge members and welcome in the new. Our new District 16 Commander, Jim Jones, will be in attendance to help. Thanks Jim!
Cruising season is just around the corner ... see you out there!

"The cruising life isn't for all of us. It isn't even for most of us, but it is for some of us, and for a few of us it is essential to survival." ~ Jim Trefethen



What should we do for Safe Boating Week?

It's a good way to get us in front of public if we can come up with an activity. It's May 16 thru 22 and any local marina might be a good spot for something . Contact Debbie Richey with ideas. We have been lax lately and it is what we do.



FLOTSAM AND JETSAM

*A place for articles and items of general interest,
Jokes, recipes, etc.*

Did you know...

Saddlebag Island – Located off the eastern side of Guemes Island in Padilla Bay, Wilkes originally named it Peacock Island in 1841 after one of his ships that accompanied him on the exploration. Other individual names are Hat, Dot, Huckleberry. In 2010, the Washington State Parks Commission transferred ownership of Huckleberry to the Samish Island Nation.

The Thought for the Month...

“Never be afraid to try something new....Remember amateurs built the ark, Professionals built the Titanic.”

Something Nautical...

“The Ark’s dimensions as laid out in Scripture are 300 cubits long by 50 cubits wide by 30 cubits high. If a cubit is roughly 18 inches, then the dimensions are 450 feet long by 75 feet wide by 45 feet high. In 1993, research was carried out by naval architects and structural engineers “Starting with the proportions given in the Bible, the team of architects and engineers set about to compare it with 12 alternative “Arks” with different proportions. By combining the requirements for stability (capsize resistance), comfort (seakindliness) and strength (hull stress), they found that it was not possible to make much improvement on the Biblical Ark.” Their research determined that an Ark with a 30:5:3 set of proportions was optimal for: Carrying Cargo

Survivability (i.e., seaworthiness for horrific wave activity)

They also determined that a craft with dimensions of 450 feet by 75 feet by 45 feet could easily withstand sustained wave activity of around 90 feet. Other research has concluded that it would be nearly impossible for the boat to capsize, It would basically have to be at 90 degree angle.

One additional item has been provided for consideration, an event that took place in 1609, at Hoorn in

Holland, a ship was built after that same pattern 30:5:3) of the Ark that is said to have revolutionized ship-building. This same scale became the rough dimensions of ocean going vessels for the next 300 years. It is said that this has been verified by “Lloyd’s Register of Shipping” in the World Almanac.

From the Galley...

Dale Libby ‘s World Renown Focaccia Bread-

Ingredients:

2 2/3 cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon white sugar
1 teaspoon garlic powder
1 teaspoon oregano
1 teaspoon thyme
½ teaspoon dried basil
1 tablespoon active dry yeast
1 pinch ground black pepper
1 tablespoon vegetable oil
1 cup warm water (110 degrees)
2 tablespoons olive oil
1 tablespoon grated Parmesan cheese (I like a little more J)
1 cup Mozzarella cheese

Directions:

In a large bowl, stir together the flour, salt, sugar, yeast, garlic powder, oregano, thyme, basil and the black pepper. Mix in the vegetable oil and water.

When the dough has pulled together, turn it out onto a lightly floured surface, and knead until smooth and elastic. Lightly oil (olive oil) a large bowl, place the dough in the bowl, and turn to coat with oil. Cover with a damp cloth, and let rise in a warm place of 20 minutes.

Preheat oven to 450 degrees. Punch dough down; place on greased baking sheet. Pat into a ½ inch thick rectangle. Cover with damp cloth and let rise again for 20 minutes. Brush top with olive oil. Sprinkle with Parmesan and Mozzarella cheese.

Bake in preheated oven for 15 minutes, or until golden brown.



Education Department **George Johnson, SN**

Debbie Richey's Partner-In-Command seminar is planned for April at Stanwood PUD. If you would like to survive, or to help your skipper survive, when things go wrong on the boat, consider this 4-hour Saturday seminar. Contact Debbie directly for this one at drichey@rocketmail.com, or 425-750-9551. Cost is \$40, or \$50 for two sharing a book.

COURSE	INSTR	DATES	LOCATION	*PRICE	CLOSES
Partner-In-Command	D. Richey	April	Stanwood PUD	\$40/50	Members and non are welcome at same price
Cruise Planning	Miller	Mon-Wed 3/30-4/29/15	Anacortes Marina	\$55/65 or \$150/175	3/10/2015
Marine Communications	Bellinger/ Brooks	Wed 6/3-8/5/15 or fall?	Skagit Valley Hospital	\$55/65 or \$150/175	
Electronic Navigation	Miller	fall 2015		\$55/65 or \$150/175	
Weather	Jacobson	fall 2015			
* \$55/65 is for members - one/or two sharing a book. \$150/175 is for non-members - one/or two sharing a book.					

Several of us are now going to be in the Staysail Oak Harbor park and we can have a potluck there on Saturday. Weather permitting for the hamburger/hot dog menu as we tried last year, (between the wind and the rain we gave up and ate inside).

Bring a dish to share and whatever your favorite beverage might be. If anyone wants fried oysters I will check the tide.

Bill said he would pick up and deliver the members coming by boat so not much walking will be involved.

Maybe we can get a head count for the potluck? Letting us know how many might be there would be helpful.

Since we now have unlimited talk & text you can call me and we can talk all day !!!!! Let me know if you have questions, I don't have too many answers 360 708-2470. Lynn & Bill

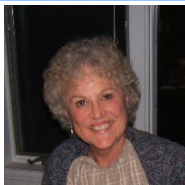
Save the Date!
For the "Wurst" Weekend Ever!



D/16 2015 Fall Conference

23-25 October

Coast Hotel-Bellevue, WA



Boating Activities (for the year)
P/C Donna J. Mason, AP

April 24-26 Oak Harbor, Whidbey Island “Holland Happening” Hosts: Bill and Lynn Stewart
Come by boat, RV or car to enjoy this Dutch-themed weekend. Boaters register on your own at the Oak Harbor Marina (360) 279-4575, www.whidbey.com/ohmarina.

May 29-31 Sucia Island Remote Dock and Anchor Out Rendezvous, Hosts: Kari and Deanna Randall-Secrest
Enjoy a peaceful weekend at this remote island setting with some dock space and 48 mooring buoys. There are water and toilets, but no power or showers. Kari and Deanna will announce more later.

June 5-7 Anacortes Waterfront Festival, June meeting and Vessel Safety Checks Hosts: Paul and Donna
This popular weekend offers much entertainment all weekend, vintage and Corvette car shows, festival booths, the Quick and Dirty Boat Race, the Milk Carton Derby boat race, and more.
Saturday afternoon we'll have our June Members' Meeting followed by a cookout on our own party float near our boats. This is a convenient time to get your Vessel Safety Check decal.

June 26-28 is the USPS District 16 Rendezvous in Poulsbo, WA.
D16 hosts and will announce information about this rendezvous.

July 3-5 Bellingham's Squalicum Harbor July 4th Weekend Rendezvous, Hosts: Paul and Donna
We have the entire U-Visitor's Dock reserved for us to enjoy the weekend activities. Some boaters may want to arrive July 2.

July 11 Dinghy trip up the Snohomish River, Hosts: George and Jeanne Brooks
There'll be more news from George on this one!

July 18 Shipwreck Day, Anacortes
Not a boating activity but I always try to plug the one and only revenue-generating activity for our squadron. Donate items, join us aiding the public to find treasures in our booth, help our squadron stay in the black! We always enjoy dinner on our own in a local restaurant afterward.

August 7-9 Bell Harbor Marina and Mariners baseball, Seattle, Hosts: TBD
I paid a reservation fee upfront for this, but we have space reserved for five boats on B Dock at Bell Harbor Marina, Bell Street Pier 66, www.portseattle.org. I need to confirm with the marina by July 24. The Mariners play Texas that weekend; a few members already have tickets. Check Mariners' website: <http://seattle.mariners.mlb.com>. E-mail me at donnajmason@gmail.com or call 360 595-1083.

August 21-23 Deer Harbor Marina, Orcas Island, Hosts: Paul and Donna
This popular destination is a great place to relax and do nothing or explore the walks, beaches, go crabbing, or shop in town. Your choice. Friday evening we'll probably walk to the Deer Harbor Inn for dinner, or have dinner on your own at your boat. We'll have a Happy Hour - BBQ potluck dinner Saturday. For those with more than a weekend to cruise, this weekend will segue into...

August 23 – 30 Our 3rd Big Deal Canada Cruise, Hosts: Paul and Donna
We have 1 sailboat and 3 power boats participating so far for the entire 10-day cruise. Also, George and Sandy Johnson and John and Marlene Bellingher will join us via car for our visit to Ganges on Salt Spring Island, B.C.

Thanks to Cdr Kari and Deanna Randall-Secrest, Dale Libby, Sheryl and Mike Wytychak, and Paul Rosetter, we put together a good itinerary plan for the Squadron Canadian Cruise this August.

Members are welcome to join us in their boats for part or all of this cruise, members may bring guests on their boats, and members need to make their own slip reservations with credit card guarantee at marinas (be sure to mention that you are with Skagit Bay Squadron. Space in marinas fills up quickly during August! Some members indicated an interest in coming by car/ferry, finding accommodations, and meeting us on the docks in Deer Harbor, Ganges, and Roche Harbor.

Please let me know if you plan to join any part of this cruise, or if you have questions:
donnajmason@gmail.com or (360) 595-1083

Itinerary:

August 21 – August 23, Deer Harbor, Orcas Island weekend rendezvous. Distance: 23 nm from Cap Sante Boat Haven, Anacortes
August 23, Cruise to Bedwell Harbor, S. Pender Island, B.C. Canada to clear customs. 16 nm
August 23 – 25, Poet's Cove Resort, Bedwell Harbor, S. Pender Island, same bay as Custom's Dock

August 25 – August 28 Ganges Marina, Ganges Harbor, Salt Spring Island, B.C. Canada, in time for the Tuesday Farmers Market. 19 nm

August 28 cruise to Roche Harbor, San Juan Island, WA USA to clear customs. 23 nm

August 28 – 30 Roche Harbor Marina, San Juan Island, WA weekend rendezvous

This itinerary is designed so weekend boaters can join us at the beginning and/or end of the cruise and without going into Canada. “The Waggoner Cruising Guide” is an excellent source for more information about these locations and marinas.

Marina Contacts:

Deer Harbor Marina, (360) 376-3037,

Email: mbroman@deerharbormarina.com.

Website: www.deereharbormarina.com. Monitors VHF 78A.

Canada Customs: Bedwell Harbor: (240) 629-3363, toll free and CanPass: (888) 226-7277, Nexus (866) 996-3987.

Poet's Cove Resort Marina, (250) 629-2100

Email: marina@poetscove.com. Website: www.poetscove.com Monitors VHF 66A.

Ganges Marina, 161 Lower Ganges Road, (250) 537-5242.

Email: mangesmarina@gmail.com. Website: gangesmarina.com Monitors VHF 66A.

Roche Harbor Marina, (800) 586-3590, (360) 378-2155.

Email: marina@rocheharbor.com. Website: rocheharbor.com. Monitors VHF 78A.

September 4-7 Point Hudson Marina, Port Townsend,

Hosts: Everett Sail and Power Squadron

The Everett Squadron has invited us to join their and Seattle's squadrons in Pt. Townsend. So far Dale Libby from Skagit is going. Others may visit by RV, Car, walk-on ferry.

September 18-20 Fisherman Bay, Lopez Island, Host: TBD
Saturday Farmer's Market, Crabbing, Lopez Island Ice Cream, need I say more?

September 26 SBSPS Anniversary Cookout, Coronet Bay,

Deception Pass, Hosts: Kari and Deanna Randall-Secrest.

We'll reserve the canopy picnic tables for a cookout and potluck to celebrate our squadron's anniversary. It is a State Parks free day!

October 2-4, Rosario Resort, Orcas Island, Hosts: TBD

Relax with a weekend at this wonderful resort marina. Winter rates in effect so we save on moorage!

October 16-18, Stewart Island Reed Harbor Remote Anchor Out, Hosts: TBD

State park with campsites, water and composting toilets, no electricity or showers. Walk to historic buildings and trail to the lighthouse.

November 7 Day trip by car, destination TBD

November 25-29 Fort Casey RV Thanksgiving Weekend, RV for the weekend, or join the RVers for a day trip. Past trips have been a day trip ferrying to Pt. Townsend and a drive to Prima Bistro for lunch.

Host TBD

December 5 Argosy Christmas Ship Cruise, Seattle

This trip in Kirkland last December was so popular, folks want to do it again this year, except we'll try to get a Christmas Ship cruise in Seattle.

December 12 LaConner Lighted Boat Parade and Squadron Holiday Party, Hosts: Paul and Donna

The LaConner Pub already has us penned in for this event! Let's not repeat last year's fiasco...



Enthusiastic Canada Cruise Planners at the March 15 meeting

Synopsis of recent District Meeting at Ocean Shores (no particular order)

Old Marpol Stickers are now illegal. Need new shaded style no matter what you have.

ABC 18 month member for price of 12 now available. May work much better than 6 month.

Flare guns as well as .22 Cal nail guns now considered concealed carry under I594. Details may be forthcoming.

Leadership courses 101-102-103 very highly encouraged. **Soon to be mandatory for any bridge member.**

Get on national committee.

Branding Marketing looking for donations.

San Diego Governing Board 25-30 August!

My personal wishes: We meet commander challenge! We make co-op charting honor roll! We win Squadron website award! New USPS Website is way cool!!

Skagit Bay Sail & Power Squadron

Meeting Minutes

March 11, 2015

Meeting Location: Farmhouse

Start Time: 1830 hours

Attendance:

George Johnson	Sandra Johnson	Albert Miller	Sharon Knowles
Jeanne Brooks	George Brooks	Marlene Bellinger	John Bellinger
Bob Miller	Kelly Libby	Bill Thisius	Bunny Thisius
Deanna Randall-Secrest	Kari Randall-Secrest	Deb Richey	Paul Rosetter
Donna Mason	Jen Starrett	Dave Starrett	Bill Robertson
Sharon Robertson	Richard Hunter	Sheryl Wytychak	Mike Wytychak
Anne Nesse	Rolf Nesse	Rod Proctor	Lynn Ries
Mike Ackley	Richard Wisnieski	Clark Scarboro	Peter Harradine
Joe Ford	Beth Ford	Bill Stewart	Lynn Stewart

Invocation given by George Brooks

Flag Salute led by Albert Miller

Secretary's Report by Sharon Knowles: January and February minutes were included in the March issue of the Bitter End. Motion to accept them, as written, was made by Mike Wytychak, seconded by Albert Miller. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report by Michael Connell: The balance on February 28, 2015 was \$2,841.08.

Administrative Report by Deanna Randall-Secrest: Tonight's program, "Armchair Adventure on the Aurora Explorer" will be presented by Rod Proctor & Mike Ackley. Their blog is available at www.proctorackley.blogspot.com

She is still trying to iron out the details for holding First Aid courses. There will be a maximum of 15 per class, at a cost of \$30 per person. A sign-up sheet was passed around, which included choosing the Saturday in April that would be best for each of us.

Squadron Events: Donna Mason reported that Mike & Sheryl Wytychak have agreed to be hosts for the Stuart Island Rendezvous.

Sunday, March 15 there will be a planning session for those hoping to be part of the Canadian Cruise.

Education Report by George Johnson: The Marine Electrical Systems course has finished, with 19 students passing. Registration is about to close for the Cruise & Cruise Planning Course beginning March 30th. Partner in Command Seminar is coming up in April. Contact Deb Richey to sign up.

Seven members attended a tour of the Marine Trades Technical Center in Anacortes. Tours can be arranged to go through anytime.

Recognition was given to Clark Scarboro, the marine architect for the Bayliner 32', which was their most-produced boat.

Commander's Report from Kari Randall-Secrest: The 2015 shirts are in, and a second order can be placed, if necessary.

She wondered if the squadron wanted to continue to donate \$1 per member towards the Education Fund Honor Roll. Deb Richey explained that it is used towards development and revision of courses. A show of hands indicated that this should be donated on behalf of squadron members.

Election of Officers: Bob Miller made a motion to accept the list of officers as published in the Bitter End. Motion was seconded by John Bellinger. Vote passed.

Old Business: Donna Mason had a letter of thanks from the Skagit Valley Neighbors in Need, to which we donated funds raised during our holiday party.

Meeting was adjourned at 1850 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Knowles

Secretary

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
APRIL**





BIRTHDAYS
Mike Caling
Richard Lyons
Kathi Ray
Jenn Wood
Walter Wood

~ 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.



April 10 - 12, 2015 • 10am-5pm
anacortesboatshow.com
1019 Q Avenue - Anacortes, WA

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	Debbie Richey, AP	360-387-1260
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
	Donna Mason, AP	360 595-1083
	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	Vacant	
Local Board Public Boating	George Johnson, SN	360-588-8125
Local Board Advanced Grds	Rick Anderson, SN	360-757-6241
Local Board Elect Courses	John Bellinger, SN	360-757-8091
	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
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Supply Officer	Vacant	
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Scrapbook	Vacant	
Webmaster	Kari Randall-Secrest, N	360-387-1194
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2 Yrs.	Bob Miller, JN	360-588-9950
3 Yrs.	Judy Bennett, S	
Nominating Committee		
1 Yr. Chair	Kelly Libby, S	425-359-7078
2 Yrs.	Jean Miller, N	360-588-9950
3 Yrs.	Vacant	
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. Also, the positions in red are unknown if they are correct. Contact editor or committee chair with corrections. We also need the class student count for the chart.