

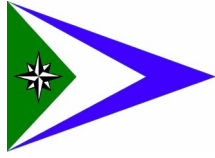
THE BITTER END

News from Skagit Bay Sail and Power Squadron Summer 2015

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CALENDAR



Squalicum Harbor Rendezvous, 3-6 July
Skagit River Dinghy Trip, 11 July
Shipwreck Days Anacortes, Booth, 18 July
Bell Harbor Marina and Mariners, 7-9 Aug
Deer Harbor Rendezvous, 21-23 Aug
Our 3rd Big Deal Canada Cruise, 23-30 Aug



Have a safe summer out there friends. Use your skills to have a good time. See you on the water at our many rendezvous. We don't shut down for the summer, we just get our hands on our boats and use what we learned.



Commander's Message Kari Randall-Secrest, N

The boating season is hitting its full stride and hasn't the weather just been great so far? I sure hope you are all getting out and taking full advantage of it.

Deanna and I had a great time at our Sucia Island and Anacortes Waterfront Festival rendezvous' earlier this month. We had four boats turn out for the Sucia rendezvous and I think everyone enjoyed the beauty, peace and serenity that Sucia Island offers. The weather was just spectacular and you all know how unpredictable June weather can be in our beloved Pacific Northwest, so it was such a treat to get that great stretch of fantastic weather for both of those gatherings.

Since this will be our last newsletter before the fall season arrives, I just want to remind you all that our annual fundraiser, "Shipwreck Day" in Anacortes, is fast approaching. So when you are spring-cleaning or simply doing some "out with the old – in with the new", consider donating those items you are getting rid of to our table at "Shipwreck Day" which is Saturday, July 18th. Also, please think about donating your time as well because "many hands make light work" when it comes to hauling the donated items to Anacortes and setting up/taking down of our tables. This is really our primary fund-raiser for the squadron that only happens once a year and it's actually a lot of fun as we rotate in/out of booth-duty so everyone gets a chance to browse

this massive garage sale. Please contact George Johnson or myself if you have items you'd like to donate or if you'd like to help out.

Finally, be sure to come out and join us on a rendezvous or two this summer. As always, Donna has lined up a great calendar of boating activities for us, so take advantage of the fun and friendship that a rendezvous offers you as a member of our squadron. In most cases, a boat is not even required! Here's hoping you have a wonderful summer and a safe boating season.

Skagit Bay Sail & Power Squadron Audit Report May 7, 2015

Treasurer Michael Connell met with members of the Auditing Committee, Bob Miller and Sharon Knowles, at Haggen, Burlington, WA. Member Judy Bennett was present via phone.

Judy has a background of holding the treasurer position for other organizations and offered some good advice for us:

- 1..Have a hand-written ledger that is easily passed on to the next treasurer.
2. Create a numbering system which will cross-reference with the vouchers that we use.

Bob recommended that there be notations on the checks to help in referencing the reason they are written.

Judy applauded Mike for setting up auto-pay for storage unit.

The Squadron books were examined and found to be in order.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sharon Knowles
Secretary

FLOTSAM AND JETSAM

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

The Thought for the Month...

"Yesterday is but today's memory and tomorrow is today's dream."

Kahlil Gibran

Something Nautical...

Painter:

A rope attached to the bow of a dinghy, usually used to tow dingy or handle it at dockside, or in water.

From the Galley...

Dale Libby 's World Renown "Italians in a Hot-tub"

Ingredients:

- 1 - 9"X 13" Disposable aluminum foil baking pan - at least 2-3" deep (Recommend the "Dollar Store" Big Selection)
- 12 - Italian Sausage (Recommend Costco - 20 in a package)
- 1 - Bottle of White Merlot Wine (Chardonnay works just as good....or any white wine)
- 1 - Green Bell Pepper
- 1 - Red Bell Pepper
- 1 - Orange Bell Pepper
- 1 - Yellow Bell Pepper
- 2 - Yellow Onion
- 8 oz Mushrooms (whatever ones you like)
- 4 - Cloves of Garlic (I like garlic so I add more - to your taste)
- 1 - 6 oz Can of Olives (Sliced)
- 1 - Tbsp Fresh Parsley (Chopped)
- 1 - Tbsp Fresh Basil (Chopped)
- 1 - tsp of Red Pepper Flakes (Optional)

Directions:

Grill Sausage on a Preheat Grill to Medium-low Heat - (When done set a side)
Julienned the Bell Peppers and Onions (For a richer flavor, grill peppers and onions before adding to the wine)

Place all ingredients into the aluminum foil pan place on the grill and cover with white wine - (Bring to a boil and then add Sausage)
Cook slow simmer until onions and peppers are soft (usually about 15-20 minutes)

Cover and keep warm until ready to serve
Suggestion - Serve on a Hoagie Roll or over Rice

"BRAVISSIMO"



Education Department **Debbie Richey, AP**

Have you planned your summer cruising destinations yet? Did you use the skills taught by our excellent instructors? Do you need additional training? Have we got some classes for you! This fall we will be teaching Piloting. This course introduces you to reading a chart, plotting a course, how to tell if you're following your course, and using your electronic gadgets for navigating. It's a great course. I highly recommend it. If you know of anyone that needs the ABC course, we will also be teaching that this fall. This is a great course for new and old salts alike. You can always learn something new.

Make sure to let me know of any courses you are interested in (drichey@rocketmail.com). The National website has a great list and syllabus of all or our courses and seminars: <http://www.usps.org/national/eddept/>.

Have a great and safe summer on the water!

June 2015 Membership

Make sure to check out the discounts offered to United States Power Squadron members. The link below give a list of all the discounts available to members. Take a look!

Membership Benefits

http://www.usps.org/national/admin_dept/membenefitslist.htm



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

We had a successful rendezvous at the Anacortes Waterfront Festival with six boats participating and 20 people for the Saturday potluck cookout. Boaters were: Cdr Kari and Deanna Randall-Secret on "Brionglord," Mike and Sheryl Wytychak on "Raven Dancer," Bill and Susan Lundstrom on "Dragon," Dale Libby on "Fish-N-Chicks," Bob and Jean Miller on "Loon Song" and Paul and I on "Time Flies." Thanks go to Albert Miller who tirelessly conducted vessel safety checks both Saturday and Sunday and to Grillmaster Dale Libby who cooked at the potluck. The "Quick and Dirty Boat Race" always is a highlight of the weekend. See photos elsewhere in this newsletter.

Upcoming Activities:

July 11 is the Dinghy trip up the Skagit River – update info will be coming from Host George Brooks.

July 18 –Don't forget our squadron's biggest fundraiser: Shipwreck Day in Anacortes. Donate your unused, unwanted items, help out at the booth, and/or buy from our wonderful offerings!

Hope to see you at these squadron events this summer!

Independence Day Rendezvous

July 2-5, 2015

Bellingham's Squalicum Harbor, Gate 12 "U" Dock

By boat or car, you are welcome to join squadron members for an enjoyable weekend in Bellingham.

We officially have the entire "U" Dock for July 2-5 so you can stay for the weekend. Slip space costs \$.75/ft/day which includes electricity. There is a 3-day limit for guest moorage, but some extension may be arranged. **To reserve dock space** or if you have questions: email donnajmason@gmail.com, with your boat name, length overall, arrival and departure dates.

Arrival: Arrive at East Entrance to Port of Bellingham Squalicum Harbor, (Fisherman's Memorial to port). Go to U Visitor's Dock; we'll help you tie up. If you call the Harbor Master 360 676-2542, VHF Channel 16, identify yourself as with Skagit Bay Sail & Power Squadron. Easiest way to pay is by check or cash at Gate 12. View the marina map and other info at Port of Bellingham's Squalicum Harbor Marina website: www.portofbelllingham.com.

Thursday, July 2:

Relax on your own, check out downtown museums, marine supply and other stores.
4 p.m. Casual Happy Hour on the dock
Dinner on your own or we may go to a nearby restaurant

Friday, July 3:

We'll enjoy a low-key, relaxing day.
4 p.m. - Enjoy Happy Hour hors d'oeuvre, or dinner nearby at Anthony's Home Port, or dinner on your own.
7:30 p.m. Some may want to join Paul and Donna at the Bellingham Festival of Music's performance at WWU. Info: www.bellinghamfestival.org.

Saturday, July 4:

Enjoy the Festival at Zuanich Point Park, Squalicum Harbor: live music, fun activities, food and crafts vendors, Boundary Bay beer garden and much more!
In the morning, take the marina's shuttle to the Bellingham Farmers Market or shops in Bellingham or Fairhaven, check out museum exhibits, or poke around the marine supply stores in the neighborhood. Decorate your boat for the 4th!
4 p.m. Happy Hour with very light hors d'oeuvre, phasing into
6:30 p.m. Evening potluck on U-dock.
10:15 p.m.: From your boat or on Visitor's Dock, watch the fireworks display over Bellingham Bay.

(If you come by car, come early for nearby parking, or expect a long walk back to your car. Try parking at Bellwether Way, Gate 3 via Coho Way, or South Harbor Loop)

Here is the rest of the summer!!

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 Bellinger 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.deerharbormarina.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!



2015 Anacortes Waterfront Festival “Quick and Dirty” Boat Race

Kelly and Elisabeth Libby accompany Greg in the rescue boat. Next, the three new contestant boats, and then last year’s winner who raced again (bottom left).

2015 winner is top right photo. Boat #3 came in last. Last photo shows rescue of boat #2 which sank.





Bill Lundstrom, Mike Wytychak and Paul Rosetter discussing boating solutions.

Dale Libby, Grillmaster



Potluck on the party float

**Skagit Bay Sail & Power Squadron
Meeting Minutes
May 14, 2015**

Meeting Location: Farmhouse Restaurant
Start Time: 1836 hours

Attendance:

Bob Miller	Sandra Johnson	Albert Miller	Sharon Knowles
Jeanne Brooks	George Brooks	Marlene Bellinger	John Bellinger
Mike Wytychak	Sheryl Wytychak	Stacy Connell	Mike Connell
Dick Hunter	Debbie Richey	Paul Rossetter	Donna Mason

Invocation was not given.

Flag Salute was led by: Albert Miller

Secretary's Report by Sharon Knowles: Minutes from the April meeting were published in the "Bitter End." Donna Mason made the motion to approve them as written, and Mike Connell seconded the motion. Approved.

Treasurer's Report by Michael Connell: The balance was \$3,030.09 as of April 30, 2015.

Administrative Report by Debbie Richey for Deanna Randall-Secrest: Bob Miller is giving tonight's program, "Crossing Borders on the Salish Sea."

The Sucia Rendezvous will be May 29-31. An email was sent out with details. Please let the hosts, Deanna and Kari know if you intend to go.

Other Activities were reported on by Donna Mason. The Anacortes Waterfront Festival is the weekend of June 6 – 7. We'll have happy hour, followed by a BBQ on the party barge. There will be no formal meeting in June, since so many are planning to be out of town.

The Dinghy Trip hosted by George and Jeanne Brooks will be held on July 11th. Launching will take place at Blake's Marina on the Skagit River, west of Conway. . The boats with stronger engines can tow those who have need of additional engine power. From there, they will go up to at least Edgewater Park, for a picnic, before turning back around. Don't miss the excuse to go for ice cream at Snow Goose Produce!

The District 16 Rendezvous will be in Poulsbo, June 26-27. The Virtual Trainer Simulator will be available to test your boating skills without damage to the gel coat. An afghan and two quilts will be raffled.

Kari and Deanna are hosting the Bell Harbor Rendezvous in Seattle, August 7-9. The Mariners will be at home against the Rangers, for any baseball fans.

Education Report by Debbie Richey: D16 Education Conference will be held in Bellevue on May 16. Our instructors are all up to date. Bellingham is offering the On The Water course on May 23 and 30, for \$230. On June 4th the Education Department will have a planning session to schedule the classes to be offered next year.

Commander's Report Debbie Richey for Kari Randall-Secrest: Debbie previously reported on both the (lack of) June meeting and the D16 Ed Conference.

Old Business: Shipwreck Day is July 18. The storage unit is filled, but keep collecting stuff! We'll have a pricing party soon.

New Business:

Safe Boating week is May 16-22. Mike Wytychak suggested having a MOB drill and a flare shoot, sometime in the future. He is willing to help work on these ideas, and Albert Miller agreed to work with him on them. Sharon Knowles volunteered to go in the water for the drill.

Trawler Fest is May 15 – 17, and Bob Miller said that he will be on hand with the Virtual Trainer Simulator.

Meeting was adjourned at 1911 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 SUMMER BIRTHDAYS



**Marlene Bellinger
Judy Bennett
Jodi Bluhm
Robin Caling**

**Cliff Cochran
Rae Cochran
Bethel Ford
Joseph Ford
Kathryn Gray-Lyons
Sandy Johnson
Elisabeth Libby
Bill Lundstrom
Bob Miller
Bill Stewart
Fred Wahlgren
Ann Wilder**

~ 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

Ships Store

Did you know that our ship's store carries embroidered shirts, hats with our burgee on them, and burgees for your boat! Be sure to let me (drichey@rocketmail.com) know if you would like a new shirt or hat! Make sure to check out the National Ship Store also: <http://store.shopusps.org/>.

Help Wanted:

Do you have experience in retail? Like setting up merchandise displays? Do we have the job for you! We are in need of a person to manage our ship's store. It would only take a 2 hour commitment a month and bringing the merchandise to our monthly meetings. Talk to Debbie Richey/drichey@rocketmail.com or 360-387-1260

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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.