

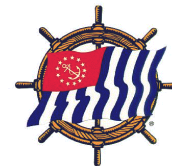
THE BITTER END

News from Skagit Bay Sail and Power Squadron February 2016

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CALENDAR

11 Feb — Regular Meeting, Farmhouse
13 Feb—Lunch at Primo Bistro, Langley Wa
14 Feb—Happy Valentines Day <3
29 Feb—Photos Due for Photo Contest, See Flyer this issue



Hope you all come to next meeting. Don't forget to enter the annual D16 photo contest. \$100's in prizes. Just because its winter, doesn't mean you cant boat. Mark and Deb went to Rosario on a whim just this week. Elections are in March. We still need some volunteer spots and a couple important elected committees.



Commander's Message Kari Randall-Secret, N

Happy Valentine's Day Skagit Bay!
We had lots of fun and successfully set our calendar of squadron events for

2016 set at the January meeting. We have lots of great activities planned for this year so check out the article by Activities Coordinator Donna Mason in this issue and circle those events that appeal to you. We've got something for everyone so come on out and join in with good friends and good times!



Ewwwww. I am sure all of you hate to see this kind of thing floating around in our local waters as much as I do, so be sure to attend our next meeting at the Farmhouse on Thursday, February 11th at 6:00 pm when we'll hear from Mr. Nir Barnea, the Pacific Northwest Regional Coordinator for the Marine Debris Program at NOAA. Nir's presentation will include an overview of marine debris: What it is, sources, movement, and types, marine debris prevention, removal, and research with examples for each, marine debris emergency response with focus on the Japan tsunami marine debris, and finally, what can we do help address the problem of marine debris as individuals and a society. Looking forward a month, be sure to check out the summary by George Johnson on our upcoming program for March, "10 Year Family Adventure". Looks like another great one!

I am pleased to announce that our Nominating Committee, led by our very own Kelly Libby, has been hard at work recruiting our next slate of proposed bridge officers. Well done, Kelly! I would like to sincerely thank you and all the folks that stepped up and volunteered to take on a position which really helped us dodge a bullet. Your willingness to give of your time and effort are so very much appreciated. You are the folks that keep this fantastic squadron going strong.

I am told our ABC class, taught by Mike Wytychak and assisted by George Brooks, is proceeding nicely. It is being taught at the Anacortes Marina conference room on Monday and Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm. Sounds like a great class that includes a lot of folks very new to boating. Way to go Mike and George!



Boating Activities **P/C Donna J. Mason, AP**

It isn't time yet for flip flops, but it is time to plan your 2016 boating calendar. Our boating activities this year include a variety of rendezvous and/or day trips. Please join us! If anyone would like to host the Friday Harbor rendezvous, please let me know. Thanks to all those who stepped up to host some of these rendezvous! It'll be fun.

February 13, Saturday: Prima Bistro Lunch, Langley, WA (on Whidbey Island), Hosts: Paul and Donna
"Good food is the foundation of genuine happiness." Celebrate Valentine's Day one day early at Prima Bistro, 201 ½ First Street, Langley, WA, upstairs from the Star Market. Free parking is behind the market. Accessibility: Must be able to climb a flight of stairs. View the yummy menu at www.primabistro.com. We have 10-12 spaces reserved at this popular restaurant. Reserve your seat by Wednesday, Feb. 10 via e-mail donnajmason@gmail.com or call me at 360 595-0183 if you plan to attend. If you want to find out why squadron dachshunds are happy after this event, come and find out.

March 25-17, Friday Harbor Rendezvous, (we need a host for this)

Come by boat for the weekend or do a ferry day trip on Saturday. Paul and I have houseguests, so we'll do the walk-on ferry Saturday. If you come by boat, call the Port of Friday Harbor Marina on VHF66A to request your slip space and ask to be near other Skagit Bay Squadron boats. Saturday at 4:30 p.m. we'll gather at the Cask and Schooner at 1 Front Street, an easy walk to the ferry, for happy hour and dinner. Please email me by Tuesday, March 22 if you plan to attend the Cask and Schooner event: donnajmason@gmail.com.

April 22-24, Port Sidney Marina, Vancouver Island, B.C. Canada, Hosts: Bob and Jean Miller

Bob has made great plans and has included a couple other squadrons on this rendezvous. He will publish more details. If you cannot come by boat, you may consider taking the Anacortes walk-on ferry leaving at 8:30 a.m., arriving at 11:10 in Sidney, staying in a hotel near the marina, enjoy all Sidney has to offer, and return on the ferry from Sidney at 12:05 p.m., arriving in Anacortes at 3 p.m. Due to a prior commitment, Paul and I will take the Friday ferry and return Saturday.

May 13-15, LaConner Marina, Port of Skagit North Basin's G Visitors Dock, Hosts: Kari and Deanna Randall-Secrest

Call the Marina at 360 466-3118 later in spring to reserve your side-tie dock space @\$1/ft./night. They offer both 30 and 50 amp power, free Wi-Fi, restrooms, showers, laundry, and pump out. You can walk downtown to enjoy the shops, galleries, restaurants. Rumor has it there are a couple of members' birthdays that weekend, so plan to party! More from Kari and Deanna later.

June 3-5, Anacortes Waterfront Festival, Cap Sante Boat Haven, 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, 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.

June 17-19, Sucia Island Remote Dock and Anchor Out Rendezvous, Hosts: Mark and Debbie Richey

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. Mark and Debbie will announce more later.

June 26-28, USPS District 16 Rendezvous in Poulsbo Marina in Liberty Bay.

D16 hosts and the new D16 Commander will announce more about this district-wide rendezvous in Norwegian-themed popular destination.

July 1-5, 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. New this year: all boats must arrive by early Saturday afternoon. After that, the port will fill the space with other boats. Paul and Donna plan to arrive Friday. Stay tuned for more on the activities.

July 16, Shipwreck Day, Downtown Anacortes, Coordinated by hard-working George and Sandy Johnson

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 12-14, Deer Harbor Marina, Orcas Island, Hosts: Paul and Donna

This popular destination has become a "must-do" tradition and 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 evening.

September 24, SBSPS Anniversary Cookout, Coronet Bay, Deception Pass Marine State Park, Hosts: Kari and Deanna Randall-Secrest and the incoming commander

Kari and Deanna will reserve the canopy picnic tables for an early afternoon cookout and potluck to celebrate our squadron's anniversary. It is a State Parks free parking day! You can boat in for the day or hearty boaters may want to stay overnight at the bare-bones docks. They monitor VHF 16. Cars access the park via Coronet Bay Road.

September 30-October 2, Rosario Resort, Orcas Island, Hosts: Mark and Debbie Richey and Deanna and Kari Randall-Secrest

Relax for a weekend at this wonderful resort marina. Winter rates in effect so we save on moorage! If you haven't been to Rosario in years, you own yourself to visit this year. Our hosts will announce this weekend's plans later.

November: Later in the year, we may put together a group day trip.

December 10, LaConner Lighted Boat Parade and Squadron Holiday Party, Hosts: Paul and Donna

The LaConner Pub already has us penned in for this event! Enjoy the lighted boat parade in the comfort of the Pub, inside the restaurant or out on their patio right on the Channel. Enjoy a hearty dinner and celebrate the season's holidays.

10 YEAR FAMILY ADVENTURE

March 10 Squadron meeting program will show life for a family of 8 on the 42 foot Wandering Dolphin. After their home burned down in Montana they decided to start a great adventure. Don't miss this presentation by a wonderful family. Great videos aboard their floating home as they cruised the open oceans. They currently live aboard at Cap Sante Marina.



Education Department
P/C Debbie Richey, AP

I recently read a very interesting article about the Vestas Wind. The Vestas Wind is a racing sailboat that went aground during a race. They were racing in the Volvo Ocean Race and were on the Cape Town, South Africa to Abu Dhabi leg when the boat went aground. The boat went aground on a well charted reef in the Indian Ocean. They were well equipped for ocean racing. The latest GPS, chart plotters, laptops with navigation software installed and much much more! Yet they still aground.

The independent race report puts the blame on the captain and the navigator for reading the electronic charts wrong. The problem they discovered was that they zoomed in a small scale chart (chart that covers a large area) and misread the depths of the reef. If they had zoomed in a large scale chart (chart that covers a smaller area) they would have seen the shoals. The other problem was that even though they had paper charts on board, they never double checked the electronic chart to the paper chart. So by zooming in on the wrong scale of chart, the navigator incorrectly decided that they would have 40m under their keel when they went across the shoal. They hit shoal just below 20 knots. They had no idea it was there or in their path.

So when you are out on your boat and wondering why you still have those dang paper charts on board, remember the captain of the Vestas Wind. If you would like to read the full report, you can find here on this website, [Vestas Wind](#).

Skagit Bay Sail & Power Squadron

Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2016

Meeting Location: Farmhouse Restaurant

Start Time: 1832 hours

Attendance:

George Johnson	Sandra Johnson	Albert Miller	Sharon Knowles
Jeanne Brooks	George Brooks	Marlene Bellinger	John Bellinger
Bob Miller	Dick Hunter	Kelly Libby	Elisabeth Libby
Deanna Randall-Secret	Kari Randall-Secret	Paul Rosetter	Donna Mason
Craig H. Ford	Billie Ford	Debbie Richey	Bill Stewart
Lynn Stewart			

Invocation given by: George Brooks

Flag Salute was led by Albert Miller.

Secretary's Report by Sharon Knowles: November minutes were posted in the Bitter End, as were the minutes from the short Executive Committee minutes from December. (There was a holiday party, but no meeting in December.) Motion was made by Debbie Richey to accept the minutes, and it was seconded by Kelli Libby. The motion was approved.

Treasurer's Report by Bob Miller: Mike Connell turned over the books in great shape, and there was a nice profit made by opening the Piloting class up to the public. The balance on December 31, 2015 was \$5238.88.

Administrative Report by Deanna Randall-Secret: No speaker tonight, as we do our yearly rendezvous planning in January. February's speaker will be Nir Barnea, from NOAA to talk about marine debris. For the March meeting, George Johnson has lined up a talk by Kristofer and Rebecca Burton who lived aboard their 42' sailboat, the Wandering Dolphin, for 10 years while sailing open season. They homeschooled 6 kids on board. Their last voyage was from Bahamas to Hawaii through the Panama Canal, then to Anacortes. They are now live aboards at Cap Sante Marina, just across the fairway from our own Mike And Sheryl Wytychak.

Executive Report by Mark Richey: Filling in, Debbie said that the Boat Show is coming up. Volunteers who meet the criteria listed in the Bitter End are encouraged to let Mark know.

Education Report by Debbie Richey: The upcoming ABC class has 8-10 students signed up. Mike Wytychak will be teaching it at the Anacortes Marina, beginning January 26th. Bob Miller is about to wrap up the current Piloting class. The advertisement for the Piloting class generated interest by several people who are unable to attend weeknight classes, and Dick Hunter is trying to make arrangements for Mark & Debbie to teach the class at the Swinomish Yacht Club on a Saturday.

Commander's Report by Kari Randall-Secret: National Meeting is February 14 - 21 in Orlando, FL. A delegate vote is available for anyone going. The District 16 Spring Council/Conference will be March 18 - 20 in Tacoma. Mark & Debbie will be going, and have our delegate vote. D16 Leadership 102 class will be offered Friday, March 18 as part of the Spring Council/Conference. Merit Marks have been submitted. Contact Debbie or Kari if you submitted yours, but have not received it. Kelli Libby reported that as the Nominating Committee, she was unable to find people to step up and fill the empty positions. In the interest of keeping the squadron going, she hoped that people would once again agree to switch hats.

Old Business: 2016 Fundraising was again discussed. The question was whether to continue with Shipwreck Day, swap it for, or add, volunteering at a coffee stand at one of the I-5 rest areas. As staffing the over-night shift(s) may pose a problem, Kari said she would send out an email to see if anyone was willing to take a night shift. Originally, the idea of the rest area fundraiser was brought up in the hopes that it might relieve certain squadron members from all the work associated with Shipwreck Day. George Johnson said he'd rather do Shipwreck Day than anything else for the squadron. Many felt the benefit of the big social day for the squadron, and that it wasn't so much to do with the profits. By opening up advanced grade classes to the public, at least with the current interest in Piloting, that might be all the fundraiser we need. However, should we proceed with working a rest area, Albert Miller volunteered to solicit donated refreshments so help increase our profits.

At our holiday party we collected \$200 for donation to the Skagit Valley Neighbors in Need. This year there was no matching donation from the squadron. Thanks to Donna Mason and Elisabeth Libby for verifying the collection, and Donna for seeing that it got to Neighbors In Need. We received a thank you letter from the Skagit Valley Neighbors in Need.

New Business: None.

Meeting was adjourned at 1909 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Knowles

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Registration: Friday 1600 – 1830

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'No host bar' & Dinner Reception \$ 15.00 \$16.25 _____ \$ _____

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Saturday Breakfast: 0700 – 0900

Morning Starter Buffet: \$ 18.50 \$19.50 _____ \$ _____

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Saturday Lunch: 1200 – 1330 \$ 18.50 \$19.50

Your choice of - Chicken Caesar salad: Grilled chicken strips & oven baked croutons on crisp romaine lettuce.

Or – Ports of call Deli Sandwich: Deli sliced ham & oven roasted turkey, Cheddar & Swiss cheese, lettuce &

Tomato on a soft hoagie roll, served with red potato salad. Chicken Salad _____ Deli Sandwich _____ \$ _____

Saturday Evening Banquet: 1800 – 2100 \$32.50 \$34.00

Your choice of – 'Alder Smoked Salmon' Basted with alder smoked butter, served with roasted red potatoes. Or

'Prime Rib of Beef' – Hand cut, served with au jus and horseradish, with roasted red potatoes.

Both dinners entrees are served with seasonal green salad, vegetable medley, rolls, Cheesecake w/ strawberry

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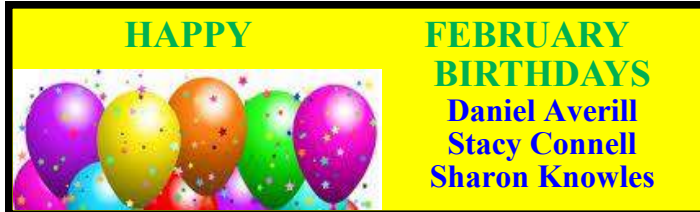


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~ General Meeting Information ~

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.

Report of the Nominating Committee.

The following members have been asked and agree to serve if elected for the coming year:

Commander: Donna Mason

Executive Officer: Mark Richey

Education Officer: Debbie Richey

Administrative Officer: Richard Hunter

Secretary: Kari Randall-Secrest

Treasurer: Bob Miller

Executive Committee: Sandy Johnson, Kelly Libby, Paul Rosetter, Marlene Bellinger

Respectfully Submitted, P/C Kelly Libby, P

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