

THE BITTER END

News from Skagit Bay Sail and Power Squadron January 2017



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CALENDAR

12 January, Regular Meeting Farmhouse, Activity Planning
14 & 21 January, ABC Class, Stanwood YMCA
27 Jan—4 Feb, Big Seattle Boat Show, C-Link Event Center



Something really fun and interesting coming up. It's a great destination too! It's the District Spring Conference and this year it will be at Campbells Resort on Lake Chelan Even if you may not be interested in the meeting, it's a great place to go and there are fun outside activities planned. See the info this issue...Be careful this month out on the icy roads. See you on slopes?



Commander's Message
Donna J. Mason, AP

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Wishing you safe and fun times in this New Year.

One Bellingham boater ended the year with one on the rocks, and they were in the drink, not in his drink. He and his dog were rescued by the USCG after his anchored 38' fiberglass sailboat in Bellingham Bay began drifting. With 3-5' waves and 20 mph winds, he couldn't prevent the boat from crashing into a rocky seawall of an abandoned pier along the shoreline. Sailor Jody Winningham was baffled about how the anchor could have come loose—he suspects it was hit by a log and loosened. The irony here is he is the one who has been reminding other sailors to take extra precautions with their anchors.

At our Holiday Party and Lighted Boat Parade at the LaConner Pub, our members contributed \$190 to the Skagit Valley Neighbors in Need Food Program. A squadron letter accompanied the funds, and the organization already sent us a thank you letter. Thanks to all who participated.

Those new to this area who want to hunker down in the icy weather with a good book

may be interested in The Northwest Coastal Explorer by Robert Steelquist.

The Seattle Boat Show runs 27 January through 4 February and ends the day before the Super Bowl. Some of our members have signed up for booth duty. If you are interested in doing a couple hour shift at our District 16 USPS booth, please contact me with your preferred timeslots and we'll see if they're available. You'll get free entry into the boat show that day. The deadline is by 10 days before the show or whenever all the slots are filled.

Got a boating fun, squadron-related or teaching aid photo that you'd like to share with District 16? If so, the D16 repository for photos is <http://www.usps-d16.smugmug.com>. You'll get full credit for your photos.

Sure hope to see you at our 12 January Members Meeting where we'll plan boating rendezvous and other activities for the year. Bring your ideas and let's see if we can get them scheduled.

Boating and Other Activities

Cdr Donna J. Mason, AP

January 12, Cruise Planning Program at the Monthly Members Meeting.

January is just around the corner. Start gathering your thoughts for the January Member's 2017 Cruise Planning Meeting. Where would you like to rendezvous? At a dock or on the hook or some of each? Quiet places or festivals with lots of activities? Tried and true places or new adventures? Who will be rendezvous hosts? Share your wishes at the meeting so we can come up with a rendezvous schedule for 2017 that we'll all look forward to.

Here's where we've had rendezvous 2009-2016

Boating Rendezvous

Marina

Bell Harbor Marina & Seahawks Game
Blind Bay Anchor Out
Cap Sante, Anacortes Waterfront Festival
Coronet Bay, Deception Pass State Park
Deer Harbor Marina
Desolation Sound 2-week cruise
Eagle Harbor Day for small boats
Fisherman Bay Resort
Fossil Bay
Friday Harbor Marina
Ganges Marina
Garrison Bay Raft-Up
Jones Island Anchor Out
LaConner Marina
Oak Harbor for Holland Happening
Poet's Cove Resort,
Point Hudson Marina
Port Sidney Marina
Poulsbo Marina, D16 Rendezvous
Reid Harbor, Stewart Island Remote Anchor Out
Roche Harbor
Rosario Resort
Salt Spring Marina @ Harbour's End
Squalicum Harbor, U Dock for July 4th Weekend

City

Seattle
Shaw Island
Anacortes
Whidbey Island
Orcas Island
Canada
Cypress Island
Lopez Island
Sucia Island
San Juan Island
Ganges, Salt Spring Island, B.C. Canada
San Juan Island
Jones Island in the San Juans
LaConner
Whidbey Island
Bedwell Harbor S. Pender Island, B.C. Canada
Port Townsend
Sidney, Vancouver Island, B.C. Canada
Poulsbo
Stewart Island
San Juan Island
Orcas Island
Ganges, Salt Spring Island, B.C. Canada
Bellingham, WA

Land Based Activities

Argosy Ship Cruise
Coronet Bay, Deception Pass State Park
December Lighted Boat Parade at LaConner Pub
Fort Casey for Thanksgiving Weekend - RVers
Friday Harbor Day Ferry Trip with lunch
Granville Island Day Trip
Oak Harbor for Holland Happening - RVers
Portland, OR 2-day train trip
Primo Bistro
Shipwreck Day
Sidney 2-day ferry trip
Steveston Day Trip w/ lunch
Tacoma Museum and Lunch Day Trip
Vancouver 2-day train trip

Seattle/Kirkland
Whidbey Island
LaConner
Whidbey Island
San Juan Island
Vancouver, B.C. Canada
Whidbey Island
Portland, OR
Langley, S. Whidbey Island
Anacortes
Sidney, Vancouver Island, B.C. Canada
Steveston, B.C. Canada
Tacoma
Vancouver, B.C. Canada

**Skagit Bay Sail and Power Squadron
United States Power Squadron
Meeting Minutes
December 10, 2016**

The following members were in attendance at the La Conner Pub:

Donna Mason	George Brooks	Dick Hunter
Paul Rosetter	Jeanne Brooks	Kari Randall-Secrest
Bill Stewart	Glen Caporgno	Deanna Randall-Secrest
Lynn Stewart	Carolyn Caporgno	
Dan Scott	Anton Kerkhove	
Don Coleman	Margaret Kerkhove	
John Bellinger	Mark Richey	
Marlene Bellinger	Debbie Richey	

Guests: Steve Drummond, Kim (guest of Dan Scott), Tammy (wife of Don Coleman), Seth Richey and son Zach (guests of Mark and Debbie Richey)

Meeting called to order by Commander Donna Mason at 1855. A quorum of the Executive Committee was present.

Executive Officer's Report – Mark Richey

Boat Show Jan. 27th – Feb. 4th, 2017. Sign up for booth duty if interested.

Vessel Safety Checks – Two members are in the process of getting certified.

Squadron Educational Officer's Report – Debbie Richey:

We need instructors! Contact Debbie if interested.

Upcoming class schedule:

ABC course scheduled for two Saturdays in January (14th and 21st) at Stanwood YMCA. Instructors: Mark and Debbie Richey.

Advanced Piloting begins January 9th 2017 at Anacortes Marina. Instructor: Bob Miller

Administrative Officer's Report – Dick Hunter:

January program will be our annual event/activities planning meeting.

Thank you to our new Supply Officers Anton and Margaret Kerkhove!

Boating Activities – Donna Mason

Dec 17: Argosy Cruise in Seattle

Next meeting: Jan 12th – 2017 Activities Planning

Secretary's Report – Kari Randall-Secrest:

November minutes posted in Bitter End. We will approve them at the January meeting, since it was too difficult in the pub to hear corrections and take a vote.

Treasurer's Report – Donna Mason for Bob Miller

Treasury report submitted

Balance as of Dec. 3, 2016: \$5,911.37

Commander's Report – Donna Mason

\$186 collected as donation to the Skagit Food Bank by the squadron tonight.

Raffle tonight: West Marine gift bags won by Debbie Richey and Donna Mason, and a \$25 Easton Books gift certificate won by Anton Kerkhove.

Information on the D16 Marketing and Membership Challenge will be provided at the January 2017 meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 1905.

OUR CHRSTMAS PARTY-MEETING, BOAT PARADE VIEW AT LACONNER PUB



Left to Right , Top to Bottom

Jeanne and George Brooks

Kari and Deanna Randall-Secrest

The Gang

Dan Scott and his girlfriend Kim

Mark and Debbie Richey with Son
Seth and Grandson Zach



MORE LACONNER PICTURES



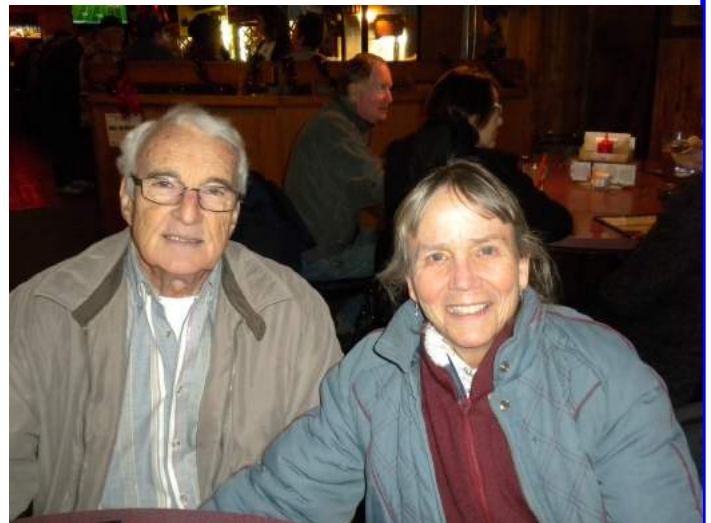
Tammy and Don Coleman

Marlene and John Bellinger, Bill Stewart

Margaret and Anton Kerkove

Dick Hunter

Glen and Carolyn Caporgno



ARGOSY CRUISE, DECEMBER 17



The Gang



Carolers



Police Escort Boat





"Everything Washington"

USPS® District 16
Spring Conference & Change of Watch
10-12 March 2017



Please join the Seattle Sail and Power Squadron, as we host the District 16 Spring Conference and Change of Watch. The theme this year is "Everything Washington", in celebration of our diverse geography, skills, heritage and style! This year it is being held at Campbell's Resort, in beautiful Lake Chelan, surrounded by vineyards, mountains and small-town charm, with an array of special activities. We're hoping that you will come a day or two early and enjoy some local activities and special events we have arranged specifically for the folks attending the conference.

Arrive Thursday or Friday and join the 4-hour **Lake Chelan Wine Tour**. Book your seat on this limousine ride and wine tasting tour, guaranteed to be a first class event, for only \$55/pp. The tour is from 1300 - 1700, both Thursday and Friday, leaving from the hotel. [<See attached flyer>](#)

Thursday only, we have arranged a private **Wine Maker's Dinner** at Tsillan Cellars and Sorrento's Restaurant. The price of \$75/pp includes a 3-course meal, wine education, wine pairings with each course, including tax and gratuity. We need a minimum of 45 people to sign up for this culinary event, so please don't wait until the last minute. [<See attached flyer>](#)

Conference registration will be open on Friday from 1500 - 1800. The council meeting runs from 1700 - 1800 Friday evening, followed by a No-Host bar including heavy appetizers and a special guest to entertain us, the Elusive & Hilarious, Fletcher Ellingson, Magician.

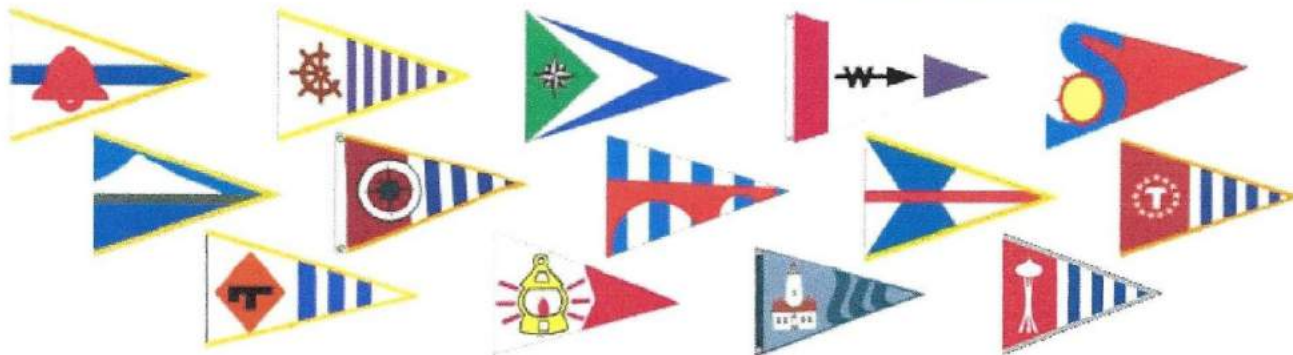
On Saturday, you're on your own for breakfast, but the resort has a great restaurant on site, to start your day. Then down to business with meetings until lunch where we'll be offering a nice box lunch. In the afternoon - more business, reports, awards in excellence and a break before we reconvene the conference and enjoy a catered dinner among friends.

A registration form that is included may also be found on the district website. Forms will also be included in your squadron newsletters. Attendees are asked to pre-register for any Special Events and choose from one or more of the catered meals listed. The conference itself is free.

Hotel Reservations: All rooms have 2 Queens or 1 King bed, a balcony or patio on Lake Chelan. The room rate is guaranteed up to 14 February 2017 - \$94 for a traditional room or \$108 for a Deluxe Room, per night plus taxes. Make your room reservations directly with Campbell's Resort at 1-800-553-8225. Rooms fill up quickly so make your reservations early. When making reservations state that you are with the "United States Power Squadron, Group #462965" and please indicate if you desire a ground floor or handicapped room.

Can you identify each of the Squadron burgees in District 16?

[<Link to Answers>](#)



Registration Form

USPS® District 16 | Spring Conference & Change of Watch | 10-12 March 2017

Full Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Spouse/Guest name: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ Squadron: _____

Email address: _____

Will you be attending the District conference without meals? Yes ☐ First time attending a conference? Yes ☐

Activity		Early Bird	After 14 Feb	No. People	Total
Friday	Registration 1500 - 1800				
Friday Night	Council Meeting 1700 - 1800				
Friday Night	No Host Bar Heavy Appetizers 1800 - 2030 * Live Entertainment *	\$25	\$30		
Saturday Breakfast	On one's own Restaurant on site	-	-		
Saturday Lunch	Turkey & bacon croissant with curried couscous, granola bar, fruit and water. No Bacon <input type="checkbox"/>	\$20	\$25		
Saturday Afternoon	Coffee, Tea or Cocoa Brownies & Cookies	-	-		
Saturday Dinner	Country Chicken with apple, shallot & mushroom in sherry cream sauce, wild rice, corn on the cob, rice & biscuit, dessert	\$39	\$44		
	Blackened Salmon with wild rice and Caesar salad, dessert. Gluten free, except for dessert	\$39	\$44		
	Prefer Vegetarian	\$39	\$44		
Special Events					
Thursday	Lake Chelan Limo Wine Tour 1300 - 1700	\$55	-		
Thursday Night	Wine Maker's Dinner 1800	\$75	-		
Friday	Lake Chelan Limo Wine Tour 1300 - 1700	\$55	-		
Total					

Dietary Restrictions? _____

Interested in Carpooling? <input type="checkbox"/> Driver Room for ____ of passengers <input type="checkbox"/> Ride No. in group _____ Itinerary: _____ Departure Date & Time _____ Return Date & Time _____

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 14 February 2017.

PAYMENT

Make checks payable to: Seattle Sail & Power Squadron (SSAPS) Mail form and check to: Pam Lombardi
C/o Absolute Security Alarms
4910 15th Ave NW
Seattle, WA 98107

Questions? Call 206-257-1951

Hotel Reservations

Make your room reservations directly with Campbell's Resort at 1-800-553-8225. When making reservations state that you are with the "United States Power Squadron, Group #462965" and please indicate if you desire a ground floor or handicapped room.

***The Resort has extended the room pricing for any additional days you might want to add to your travel plans*



USPS® District 16
Lake Chelan Wine Tour
March 9 or 10, 2017
1:00 - 5:00 pm



Lake Chelan Limo Wine Tour



[Wine Tour Map](#)



Join us on this fun outing before the District 16 conference
Book your seat on this 4-hour Limousine Wine Tour.
Departs from Campbell's Resort

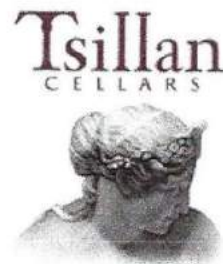
\$55.00 (includes driver gratuity)
Tasting fees extra (typically \$5 each winery)

We need at least 8 people minimum to book by
February 14th on the D/16 registration form!

Call Karrie with questions at (509) 470-0333
www.chelanlimo.com



USPS® District 16
Tsillan Cellars
Winemaker Dinner
March 9 | 6 pm



*We offer separate checks if you wish
to buy an additional bottle of wine.*

Join USPS District 16 Members at the Winemaker Dinner

\$75.00 (prepaid) includes:

3-Course meal | Wine education | Wine pairings with each course
(including tax and gratuity)

**We need a minimum of 45 people to register for this dinner so please
make your reservations by February 14th for this culinary experience
on the D16 registration form.**

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 JANUARY



BIRTHDAYS

Jean Miller
Kari Randall-Secrest
Cliff Willaims

~ 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.



United States Power Squadrons®
District 16 Spring Conference & Change of Watch
9-12 March 2017
Campbells Resort in beautiful Lake Chelan



LOCAL ACTIVITIES

- WINE & CIDER TASTING
- GOLF
- BOATING
- MILL BAY CASINO
- CYCLING
- HIKING
- FISHING
- TOURS
- LADY OF THE LAKE
- TAKE IN A MOVIE

THE RESORT

- VOTED THE #1 RESORT IN THE NORTHWEST
- ALL ROOMS ARE LAKE VIEW W/PRIVATE BALCONY
- ROOM PRICES WILL BE AROUND \$100/NIGHT
- STATE OF THE ART CONFERENCE SPACE
- WALK TO DOWNTOWN SHOPPING
- DAY SPA ON SITE



"EVERYTHING WASHINGTON"

THIS WILL BE THE THEME THIS YEAR, IN CELEBRATION OF OUR DIVERSE GEOGRAPHY, SKILLS, HERITAGE AND STYLE!

Details coming soon!



Bridge Officers		
Commander	Donna Mason, AP	360 595-1083
Executive Officer	Mark Richey, SN	425-876-6274
Education Officer	Debbie Richey, AP	360-387-1260
Administrative Officer	Richard Hunter, P	206 851-2831
Secretary	Kari Randall-Secrest, N	360 387-1194
Treasurer	Bob Miller, JN	360-588-9950
Executive Committee		
	Marlene Bellinger, AP	360 757-8091
	Paul Rosetter, 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.	Craig Ford	360 333-5308
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	Vacant	
Education Department		
Assistant Education Officer	Bob Miller, JN	360 588-9950
Local Board Public Boating	George Johnson, SN	360-588-8125
Local Board Advanced Grds	George Brooks, SN	360 466-3470
Local Board Elect Courses	John Bellinger, SN	360-757-8091
Administrative Department		
Boating Activities	Donna Mason, AP	360 595-1083
Galley	Vacant	
Greeting	Craig Ford	360 333-5308
	Billie Ford	360 941-1956
Membership	Debbie Richey, AP	360-387-1260
Operations Training	Debbie Richey, AP	360-387-1260
Programs	Richard Hunter, P	206 851-2831
Property Officer	Vacant	
Supply Officer	Sheryl Wytychak	208-704-2249
Telephone	Vacant	
Secretary's Department		
Editor "Bitter End"	Mark Richey, SN	425-876-6274
Historian	Lynn Stewart, P	360-424-1270
Public Contact	Debbie Richey, AP	360-387-1260
Roster	Bob Miller, JN	360-588-9950
Scrapbook	Carolyn Caporgno	
Webmaster / IT	Kari Randall-Secrest, N	360-387-1194
Auditing Committee		
1 Yr Chair	Elisabeth Libby, S	425 923-9368
2 Yrs.	Judy Bennett, S	707-443-2855
3 Yrs.	Billie Ford	360 941-1956
Nominating Committee		
1 Yr. Chair	Kelly Libby, S	425-359-7078
2 Yrs.	Paul Rosetter, AP	360 595-1083
3 Yrs.	George Johnson, SN	360-588-8125
Rules Committee		
1 Yr. Chair	John Bellinger, SN	360-757-8091
2 Yrs.	Ruth Peterson, SN	360-293-1888
3 Yrs.	Vacant	

Please note the vacancies. This is a fun group and you don't have to have a grade to have a committee position. Every little bit helps. Pick something you think you can do and help out. If you don't know what a spot does, ask the chair or an officer.