

THE BITTER END

Skagit Bay Sail and Power Squadron

October 2019

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CALENDAR

03 Oct- Ex Com Meeting, Village Pizza (TBD)

10 Oct- Regular Meeting, Farmhouse

11-13 Oct- District Conference, Coeur d'Alene

18-20 Oct- Portland Train Trip, See details



Hunting season opens this month. Be careful out hiking. Hunters, watch for others. Don't overload your duck boat. The District Conference is in Idaho this month. It is a fun thing to go to and you meet other squadrons.



Commanders Message Mark Richey, SN

Welcome to fall. This is when we squadron go into full sewing. Classes, fun trips, meetings with lots of programs. New members to entice and show what we do for them.

Deb and I still plan to do some boating but need to batten down hatches and make sure boat heat works as weather gets cooler. In the off season, all the marinas love to have us and the rates are lower with even some added enticements from local restaurants etc.,

You hunters, maybe you can even convince your buddies that they actually really are boaters and need us. They are one of the groups that can be dangerous with overloading an legal equipment etc. because they thing they aren't boaters, just hunters. Just an idea.

Carolyn is doing a great job with our programs and we have some great meetings that you will all like to attend. In addition we have added more activities to our schedule so definitely have something for everyone.

Any of you have summer stories? We would love to hear them at the meetings.

On a final note; congratulations to all the folks that took the last ABC class. You all passed and now is time to continue on with all the other great member classes we have to offer. Some of you are already members and some of you ware itching to join. Come on down!

Cdr. Mark



Educational Department Lt/C Robert J. Miller, JN

The September ABC course had 10 students who completed the course. All of the students successfully passed the final exam and are on their way to getting their Washington State Boater Educational Card. I want to thank George Brooks, Jack Dyer, and Mark Richey for teaching segments of the class and George Johnson for being the room monitor and setting up the tables and chairs and managing the final exam.

The new Boat Handling class, replacing the Seamanship course, has been postponed from a September 30 start to January 7, 2020. The course material is being updated from the beta version and a new text book is being printed. Unfortunately, the new student material wouldn't be available in time for the September 30 start. Announcements for the January 2020 presentation will appear in mid November.

We are using a new venue for the classes, the Art Room of the Anacortes Senior Center. The facilities are acceptable, but we need to restore the tables and chairs before and after each class session. The Anacortes Marina facility is no longer available in the evening.

The squadron is the host for the District 16 Educational Conference, being scheduled for Saturday, May 9, 2020. We are looking for a suitable venue to host 30-40 educators for the one day conference. Squadron members will be asked to help with the event by doing registrations, helping setup and take-down the conference room, and being of assistance to the delegates.



Squadron Activities 2019

By P/C Donna Mason, AP

October 18-20 (Notice Date Change!) Portland, Oregon Train Trip and Weekend in the City,
See separate article elsewhere in this *Bitter End*.

NEW EVENT: November 12, Tuesday, train day trip to Tacoma Art Museum and Lunch

The Thanksgiving Weekend RV plans fell through, so here's a November activity anyone can join! Tuesday was selected for fewer crowds at the Museum for this special exhibit. We'll challenge the PNW November rains again. (Remember the Maritime Museum visit?)

Upon arrival at the Tacoma Train Station, we'll walk one mile on sidewalks for lunch at Harmon Brewing Co. where you can order off the menu (1938 Pacific Avenue, website: <https://www.harmonbrewingco.com/>) on the way to the museum. Then we'll walk 0.4 mile to the Tacoma Art Museum at 1701 Pacific Avenue. Maps will be provided.

Monet, Renoir, Degas, and Their Circle: French Impressionism and the Northwest

Seen as artistic radicals in their time, the French Impressionists found their way into premier public and private Northwest art collections impacting American artists for decades. The exhibition will provide visitors the unique opportunity to enjoy signature works by Claude Monet, Pierre-Auguste Renoir, Camille Pissarro, Alfred Sisley, Gustave Caillebotte, Paul Gauguin, Berthe Morisot, Mary Cassatt, and Edgar Degas, as well as some of the American and Northwestern artists they influenced, including Theodore Robinson, Theodore Wendel, C.C. McKim and Clara Jane Stephens. View this exhibit on your own and meet back at the train station by 5 p.m.

On the walk back to the train, you may want to pick up something to munch for supper during ride back to Mount Vernon.

Amtrak Cascades leaves Mount Vernon 9:03 a.m. and arrives in Tacoma at 12:10 p.m. We'll return from Tacoma at 5:35 p.m., arriving in Mount Vernon at 8:33 p.m.

Costs: Make your Amtrak reservation (<https://www.amtrakcascades.com>)

2 weeks ahead and get the lowest rate: \$80 round trip per couple. Tacoma Art Museum entry: Adults \$18, Seniors/Youth/Students \$15. You can purchase tickets upon arrival or ahead of time at <https://www.tacomaartmuseum.org>.

Please email Donna at donnajmason@gmail.com if you plan to attend so I can make a lunch reservation.

November 27 – December 1 Thanksgiving at Fort Casey RV, Coupeville and Port Townsend Day trips. The RV spots were reserved early on with the new reservation system, so there won't be an RV rendezvous at Ft. Casey. Stay tuned for how this Thanksgiving weekend for car day trippers falls into place.

December 7 LaConner Lighted Boat Parade and Squadron Holiday Party Dinner, hosted by Paul and Donna

In December we celebrate instead of having a monthly meeting. The LaConner Pub has reserved 26 spaces for our squadron party once again. (Is it the chocolate cake we share with them, or because we have so much fun?) The Swinomish Yacht Club has scheduled its lighted boat parade that evening. Last December's was the best one yet. Join us this year for a good time. The first 26 people to sign up get a seat.

SBSPS Portland, OR Train Weekend October 18-20

Enjoy a leisurely ride to Portland on the train, explore the city, enjoy good food and take a break from the usual. Ten people are going so far.

Train Info - By tickets on your own

Friday, Oct. 18: Amtrak Cascades Train #517 leaving Mt. Vernon 9:03 a.m., arrives 3 p.m.

Return Oct. 20: Amtrak Cascades Train #518 leaving Portland, OR 3 p.m., arrives at 8:33 p.m.

Amtrak Cascades offers 25% off 14-day advance purchase. See www.AmtrakCascades.com for details.

Hotels for Oct. 18 & 19 - Reserve your choice on your own

I recommend hotels in the SW section of downtown--closest to points of interest, many of them walkable. I researched 26 hotels and the best quality/cost I could find was Courtyard By Marriott Portland City Center, 550 SW Oak Street, phone: 503-505-5000 at \$178/night plus tax for a King room. It is near the 5th & Max station. This is a 1/2 mile walk from Union Station. I checked Trivago and other sites, but settled on AAA website Marriott direct websites. Beware of hidden fees like resort charges, yes, even in a downtown Portland hotel. One must read the fine print.

Local transportation: we can walk to lots of places. Portland has 5 lines of MAX light rail, and the Portland Streetcar A and B loops. TriMet tickets, \$5 all-day, are valid on Streetcar, MAX light rail, and TriMet buses.

Suggested Itinerary (reasonable walking distance to downtown hotels):

Friday: The train is due in Portland at 3 p.m. We can walk to our hotel, settle in, visit Powell's Books, an entire city block, flagship location at 1005 W. Burnside St., open till 11 p.m. Dinner TBD

Saturday: after breakfast (at Mother's Bistro & Bar?), walk to the Portland Saturday Arts and Crafts Market at the Burnside Bridge, located at 2 SW Naito Pkwy. Have lunch at Pine Street Market and Food Hall, 126 SW 2nd Avenue near Pine St. You may want to stop by famous Voodoo Donuts to pick-up donuts (50 varieties) for a treat or Sunday's breakfast, at 22 SW 3rd Avenue.

The rest of the afternoon is on your own. (See Other Things To Do in October below.)

We'll meet for happy hour to dinner about 5 p.m. (in case some want to go to evening entertainment). Some suggestions: Huber's with an extensive menu and famous for turkey dinners; Italian; or fresh fish (a few choices, pricier menu).

Saturday night Anyone interested in POPS "Dancing in the Street" Motown at Portland Symphony, 7:30 p.m. at Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall at 1037 SW Broadway?

Sunday: Breakfast: Voodoo Donuts, Brunch at Bijou Cafe or Mother's Bistro? Time on your own. We'll meet at the train station by 2:30 p.m. Train leaves at 3 p.m.

Other Things To Do in October:

Outdoor: Walk along the Willamette River at Waterfront Park.

Culture: Portland Art Museum, 1219 SW Park Avenue, Senior Admission \$17.

Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI) at 1945 SE Water Avenue, accessible via OMSI/SE Water Avenue station. Senior admission \$11.25.

Shopping (no sales tax!) Retail area with Nordstrom is at 701 SW Broadway.

Portland Food: Voodoo Doughnuts, 22 SW 3rd Avenue (may have to wait in line at this popular place). Coffee fans: There's a Stumptown Coffee Roasters at 128 SW 3rd Avenue; numerous food truck havens are sprinkled around the city.

For garden fans: Lan Su Chinese Garden, Sr. admission \$9.95, 239 NW Everett St. at NW3rd and Everett in Old Chinatown.

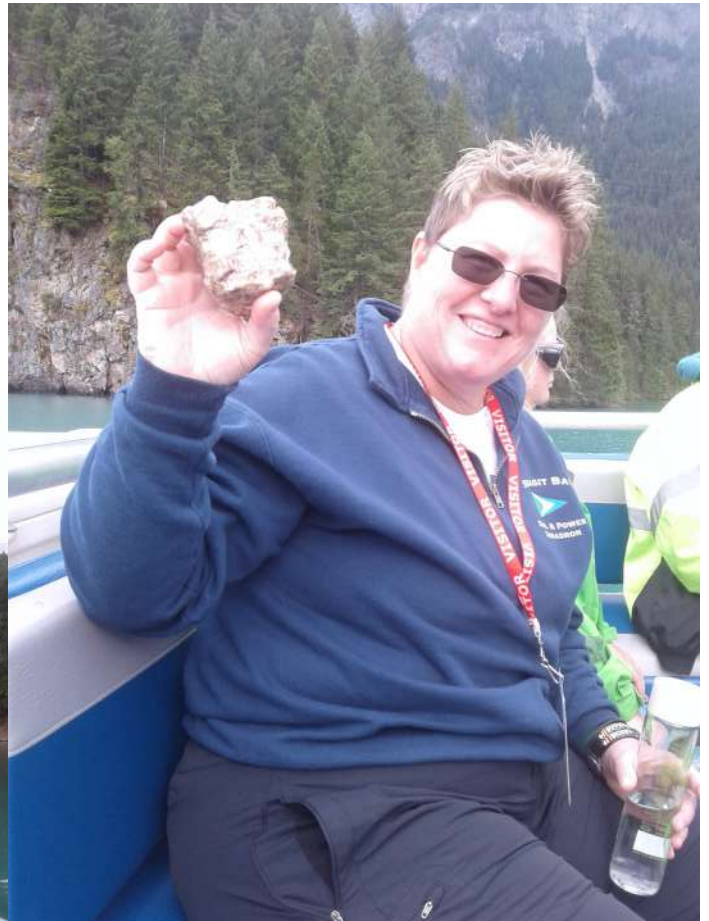
Portland Japanese Garden in Portland's hills at 611 SW Kingston Avenue, \$16.25 Senior admission
Dinner TBD

SEATTLE CITY LIGHT TOUR OF DIABLO LAKE AND ROSS DAM



T-B, L-R .. Diablo Dam, A lighthouse on a small island, Ross Dam in gorge ,Ross Dam base up close.

MORE PICTURES OF TRIP TO DIABLO LAKE



Photos from Diablo Lake and Lunch Cruise.
LtoR: Ranger explaining inner workings of the Diablo Dam;
Bridge road to area off Hwy 20; Mountain view; and Deanna Randall-Secret
with local rock

STILL MORE PICS OF THE SEATTLE CITY LIGHT DIABLO/ROSS TOUR

2 kayakers waiting for our huge wake to get by also shows the lake water with the highest concentration of glacial silt in the contiguous 48 states.



All of us at end of tour standing at Ross powerhouse



Lunch provided with the tour and George finishing it off with Pie ala Mode



Skagit Bay Sail and Power Squadron

United States Power Squadrons®

General Meeting

September 12, 2019

(Minutes taken by P/D Donna Mason, AP in absence of Secretary Wayne Williams)

The following squadron members were in attendance:

Mark Richey	Carolyn Caporgno	Jeanne Brooks
Bob Miller	Glen Caporgno	Stephen Drummond
Jack Dyer	Don Coleman	Jeanie Drummond
Donna Mason	John Bellinger	After 7:15 p.m.:
Paul Rosetter	Marlene Bellinger	George Johnson
Shani Taha	George Brooks	Sandy Johnson

The following guests attended:

Speaker Bill Haines, Island Marine Instrument Co.

Diane Gershon, from Spokane, guest of Jeanie Drummond

Meeting Location: Farmhouse Restaurant

Meeting Called To Order: 6:37 p.m.

Flag Salute by Stephen Drummond

No Invocation

Break for dinner and table discussion of Shipwreck Day at 7:10 p.m.

Resume Meeting: 7:30 p.m.

Commander Mark Richey, SN-IN, opened the meeting, welcomed our guests. We have nametags for several new members who have not been to meetings. Membership Chair Shani can mail them.

Donna Mason, for Marketing, reported that we might check into having a booth at next year's Salmon Festival in Mount Vernon. Our brochure holders in stores and marina offices seem to be in good supply.

SEO Bob Miller, JN reported there are 12 students for the ABC class beginning 16 September. He needs lecturers for Friday. George Brooks, SN volunteered to help. The Boat Handling Class to begin 30 Sept. needs teaching assistance. USPS^o National does not have the new material available yet. Publicity has appeared in the Anacortes American as well as possible weeklies. An advertisement was placed in the "Clam Digger."

Commander Mark Richey announced our squadron will host the D16 Educational Seminar next May 9. Bob Miller is looking for a facility and catering possibilities for an estimated 40 attendees.

Administrative Officer Carolyn Caporgno, S reported that October meeting speaker will be Dave Allan from Nordic Tug. She is trying to book Rozama Boat Works and an Anacortes Maritime History expert for future meetings.

The squadron scrapbook was available on a table for view. Squadron supplies available for purchase are burgees and "classic" T-shirts.

Membership Chair Shani Taha, S will speak to the current ABC Class, but she be moving to Arizona in November. We need a new Membership Chair.

Activities Chair Donna Mason reported we have at least 9 for the Diablo Lake cruise and 10 for the Portland train trip. September 28 is our Squadron Anniversary Cookout at Coronet Bay which is a State Parks free parking day. Debbie and Mark Richey, the hosts, will send an email announcement to members.

Treasurer Jack Dyer, P reported that as of September 12 the checking account balance is \$6,280.62. Shipwreck Day grossed \$918. Jack will be away September 27 – October 11, so submit your reimbursement requests keeping that in mind.

Commander Mark Richey reported that Robert Steve Drummond, AP passed away this summer. The squadron sent a card and submitted information to USPS' "Last Horizon" section of "The Ensign." Mark also acknowledged Jeanie and son Stephen at our meeting. Jeanie thanked those who had contacted her.

There was a brief discussion about where to have our general meetings. We hope to have new menu choices for next month's General Meeting at the Farmhouse. A potluck would be nice once in a while.

There was no Old Business. For New Business, George Brooks mentioned the communication on USPS National Educational transitions and wondered if there was any feedback. The New District Commander will address. George Brooks also mentioned the impact from new regulations on recreational boating for smaller boaters and wondered if USPS National was going to do any lobbying. Donna Mason mentioned a possibility that USPS National could set up a Foundation to do lobbying so the main organization would not jeopardize its nonprofit status.

At 7:30 p.m. with the arrival of George and Sandy Johnson, the meeting was resumed to discuss whether or not to continue with Shipwreck Day. George Johnson gave a recap and will give a proposal to ExCom at the October ExCom meeting.

There is a general consensus for keeping our storage unit which is used by several departments of the squadron. The rental rate is a "bargain," and we don't want to lose our low rental rate.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Guest Speaker October 10, 2019: Dave Allen will give us a Powerpoint Factory Tour of Nordic Tugs. Dave is the Director of Customer Service/Product Support. He has extensive experience in the marine industry having spent most of his career with another boat builder.

Guest Speaker November 14, 2019: Quinn Olson, Owner Northwest Rigging, bio to come at end of October.

NEED A GOOD SEA STORY TO READ?

Jim Lynch, author or excellent [Border Songs](#), has written [Before The Wind](#). "Cascadia Weekly's" Christine Perkins review includes: "[Before The Wind](#) continues Lynch's tradition of finding the humanity in a lovable cast of eccentric characters and setting them in the glorious scenery of coastal Washington State. It is a book about sailing, a mixed bag of racers, dreamers, salts and scalawags who are obsessed with sailboats and the sea." Published in 2016, it will be a good book to read during a rainy November. It is available at libraries in hard cover, audio CD, ebook and downloadable audiobook formats.

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Donna Mason



Fun @ the Lake



Coeur d'Alene

Name: _____ Spouse/Guest Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Squadron: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Date	Time	Event	Number Attending
Friday, 10 October 2019	0900 - 1200	Farragut State Park & Museum Price: Donation	
Friday, 10 October 2019	1400 - 1600	Hagadone Marine Center & Wooden Boat Factory Price: Free	

Farragut State Park and Museum:

The tour of Farragut State Park and Museum will begin at 0900. We anticipate carpooling. It takes approximately 30 minutes to drive to the park. The museum closes on Labor Day but the park is granting us a special favor to open the museum for our District 16 visit. A park ranger will talk for about 30 minutes on the history of the Naval Training Center. Thereafter, we are free to tour the museum. There will then be a tour of Farragut State Park and Mike Dixon will fill us in on the role of Lake Pend Oreille in Northwest History. We will then drive through the little town of Bayview and past the Naval Acoustic Research Center. Unfortunately, the center no longer gives tours because of security issues. Then back to the Coeur d' Alene Resort between 1200 and 1300.

Hagadone Marine Center and Wooden Boat Factory:

The tour of Hagadone Marine Center and Wooden Boat Factory will begin at 1400. We anticipate carpooling. It is a 10 minute drive to the facilities. Visit <http://www.hagadonemarine.com> for a preview of our visit.

Please return this form along with your Registration Form to: Kathy Sherrick, 4411 West Excell Ave, Spokane, WA 99208.

See you all in Coeur d'Alene!



Fun @ the Lake



Coeur d'Alene



USPS D/16 Fall Conference

11-12 October 2019

The Coeur d'Alene Resort, 115 South Second Street, Coeur d'Alene, ID

<https://www.cdaresort.com/>

Name: _____ Spouse/Guest Name: _____
 Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____
 Squadron: _____ Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

FUNCTION:	(Meal prices include gratuity & Sales tax)	Early Bird \$	Regular \$	# of People	Total \$
Friday – Registration	1500 - 1800				
Friday Evening Event	1830 - 2030				
Two hour Coeur d'Alene Lake Boat Cruise and Appetizers http://www.cdacruises.com		\$45.00	\$50.00	_____	\$ _____
Saturday Breakfast Breakfast is available at the resort café and restaurants or a short walking distance to downtown.		XXXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
Saturday Luncheon Northwest Sandwich Bar with assorted salads, crudité assortment and Washington snack apples		\$25.00	\$30.00	_____	\$ _____
Saturday Evening No-Host Gathering	1800 - 1900				
Final chance for Raffle Tickets and Silent Auction bids		XXX	XXX	_____	XXX
Saturday Evening Conference Banquet	1900 - 2100				
1. Top Sirloin Steak topped with Mushroom Demi Glaze		\$50.00	\$55.00	_____	\$ _____
2. Apple & Smoked Gouda Hassel Back Chicken		\$50.00	\$55.00	_____	\$ _____
3. Acorn Squash Ratatouille		\$50.00	\$55.00	_____	\$ _____
All Entrees served with dinner salad, assorted hot rolls, Pastry Chef's dessert selection, coffee/decaf/tea					
Early Bird prices apply only for Registrations post-marked by 15 September 2019					TOTAL:

Please make checks payable to: "Spokane Sail & Power Squadron (SSPS)" and mail with Registration Form to: Kathy Sherrick, 4411 West Excell Ave, Spokane, WA 99208, Phone: (509) 991-7104.

Make hotel reservations directly with The Coeur d'Alene Resort no later than **Sunday, 1 September 2019** by calling toll free: (855) 703-4648. Ask for "District 16 Fall Conference" to get conference rate prices.

Room	Single/Double Rate
Lake Tower	\$179.00
Park Tower	\$129.00
North Wing	\$129.00

**** Please do NOT book your room through Expedia.com or hotels.com or similar sites.**

We do not get credit against our room-night guarantee for those bookings**

For questions, please contact Kathy Sherrick at: (509) 991-7104 or email at sherrick.kathy@gmail.com

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.®



October Birthdays

Glen Caporgno
Paul Rosetter
Lisa Weber-Cochran

~ 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.

Meetings for the year.....

We have scheduled through May all our Ex-Com meetings at Village Pizza and regular meetings at the Farmhouse. Except for the December meeting they will be the usual days. 1st Thursday for Ex-Com and 2nd Thursday for regular. In speaking with the catering manager, she says it won't be an issue or take any status from us if we "occasionally" decide to have it someplace else, we just need to let her know in plenty of time. We didn't want to mess up our arrangement with them.

I have heard from time to time that some are tired of the Farmhouse. So if we want to move a meeting or 2 let me know. By the way, I have double booked the Ex-Com meeting at both Village Pizza and the Farmhouse so if we don't like it we can revert back. I will cancel as required. I feel we should keep most of the regular meetings so we have a solid spot.

Also from a meeting standpoint, Commander Mark will not be in attendance for the February regular meeting or the March board meeting. Those next in line need to put this on their calendar.

Bridge Officers		
Commander	Mark Richey, SN-IN	425-876-6274
Executive Officer	Kelly Libby, S	425-359-7078
Education Officer	Bob Miller, JN	360-588-9950
Administrative Officer	Carolyn Caporgno, S	209-609-1182
Secretary	Wayne Williams	
Treasurer	Jack Dyer, P	
Executive Committee		
	John Bellinger, SN	360 757-8091
	Marlene Bellinger, AP	360 757-8091
	Paul Rosetter, AP	360 595-1083
	Sandy Johnson, P	360-588-8125
Commander Department		
Chaplain	Ruth Peterson, SN	360-293-1888
Flag Lt.	Steve Drummond, AP	
Port Captain	Vacant	
Law Officer	Vacant	
Merit Marks	Debbie Richey, AP	360-387-1260
	Vacant	
	Vacant	
Executive Department		
Co-Op Charting	Mark Richey, SN-IN	425-876-6274
Liaison	Debbie Richey, AP	360-387-1260
Public Relations	Kelly Libby, S	425-359-7078
Asst Public Relations	Vacant	
Radio Technical	George Brooks, SN	
Safety	Don Coleman	360 333-2962
	Bill Stewart, JN	
Vessel Exams	Don Coleman	360 333-2962
Marketing	Donna Mason, AP	360 595-1083
Education Department		
Assistant Education Officer	Debbie Richey, AP	360-387-1260
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
Rendezvous	Vacant	
Greeting	Sandy Johnson, P	360-588-8125
Membership	Shani Taha, S	
Operations Training	Debbie Richey, AP	360-387-1260
Programs	Carolyn Caporgno, S	209-609-1182
Property Officer	George Johnson, SN	360-588-8125
Supply Officer	Glen Caporgno, S	209-484-2365
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Public Contact	Vacant	
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Webmaster / IT	Kari Randall-Secrest, N	360-387-1194
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1 Yr. Chair	Vacant	
2 Yrs.	Marlene Bellinger, AP	
3 Yrs.	Jeannie Drummond	
Nominating Committee		
1 Yr. Chair	Donna Mason, AP	360 595-1083
2 Yrs.	George Johnson, SN	360-588-8125
3 Yrs.	John Bellinger, SN	360-757-8091
Rules Committee		
1 Yr. Chair	John Bellinger, SN	360-757-8091
2 Yrs.	Donna Mason, AP	
3 Yrs.	Vacant	

Please note the vacancies. You don't need an advanced grade. 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.

If you don't show a phone number and want it to show, please let us know.