

THE BITTER END

Skagit Bay Sail and Power Squadron
September 2019

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CALENDAR

5 Sep—Ex Com Meeting, Village Pizza, Anacortes
12 Sep—Regular Meeting, Farmhouse, Program
14 Sep—Seattle City Light Tour, Diablo Dam
28 Sep—Anniversary Cookout, Coronet Bay



Welcome back! All our ex-com and regular meetings are scheduled for the year. Please read the section about it in the back of this issue to give your input. There are more shirts, burgees and cookbooks still for sale also.



Commanders Message Mark Richey, SN

Welcome back! Hope you all had a wonderful summer. Deb and I still have more boating to do this month as there is still lots of good weather left.

In fact, I am writing this article sitting out in our boat and will likely publish it while still out here.

Classes, classes, classes. They are starting up again. Time to let the public know or take yourself. Don't forget you can take classes from other area squadrons too if we don't have something you like.

Still lots of fun activities left also. See the updated list in this issue.

Since we boat year round up here now is the time to take advantage of the late summer weather to make sure all is ship shape for the colder sailing.

Hey, if you really want some fall fun, come to the District Conference in Idaho. It's at a resort with unreal discount prices. Deb and I are turning it into a hunting trip on the way home across the state.

You will notice that this newsletter is coming earlier. This is in with the other squadrons and to give you more time to see what's going on before the meeting. Maybe get more turn out.

See you all at the Farmhouse in 2 weeks.



Educational Department Lt/C Robert J. Miller, JN

The squadron is teaching two classes in September. The first one is *America's Boating Course*, being held on September 16, 18, 20, at our new teaching location of the Anacortes Senior Activity Center, between 18:00 and 21:30 nightly. Please tell your friends and family members who haven't received basic boat safety training about the class. Anyone born after Jan 1, 1955, needs the Washington State Boater Education card to drive motorized boats with 15 or more horsepower. A flyer is attached to this newsletter.

The second class, *Boat Handling*, is an up-to-date replacement for *Seamanship* and has new text and visual teaching aids. The reading is done on your computer or tablet devices from downloaded PDF files, no printed books. The class has six two-hour sessions, Sept 30, Oct 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, and is also held at the Anacortes Senior Activity Center from 19:00-21:00. Again, a flyer for the *Boat Handling* course is presented in this newsletter. Pass the word to boating friends, this is a good start on their boating safety training.

As in the past, I will be calling on squadron members to assist by team teaching course segments and helping with registration and test scoring. Give me a yell at 360-588-9950 to donate your valuable and useful time.

We are moving from holding classes at the Anacortes Marina because the building is now locked from 5:00 pm, making evening classes difficult. The squadron thanks the marina's management for helping us out over the past years. The Senior Activity Center is located at 1701 22nd St, Anacortes, and we will be using the Art Room for the classes.



Squadron Activities 2019

By P/C Donna Mason, AP

September 14 Diablo Lake and Lunch Cruise, hosted by Paul and Donna

This scenic and educational cruise, on the Alice Ross IV, has been on the wish list for several members; we hope to make it happen this year. The cruise includes an organic, locally-sourced lunch at the North Cascades Environmental Learning Center on Diablo Lake. These tours fill up quickly. If you haven't signed up yet: Click on https://ncascades.org/signup/programs/skagit-tours/diablo-lake-boat-tours?utm_source=Book%20diablo%20boat%20and%20lunch to start your reservation. In the Please Describe Allergies/Restrictions section, add "We are with Skagit Bay Sail & Power Squadron group." (There's no other way to let them know we are a group...) Then, please send me an email so I know you're coming. Cost: Adults \$45, Seniors 62+ \$42, Youth 3-12 \$22, Infant 0-2 free. Check in 10 a.m., tour ends 2 p.m. This will be a fun day, rain or shine! Hope to see you there. Ten people are signed up already

We would drive on our own to the departure point; carpooling encouraged.

September 28, Coronet Bay, Deception State Park, Squadron Anniversary Cookout, by car or boat, hosted by our incoming commander. We have the shelter reserved for the day, so this is another rain or shine event. It is a State Parks free day, so no parking permit required.

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

November 27 – December 1 Thanksgiving at Fort Casey RV, Coupeville and Port Townsend Day trips. Stay tuned for how this Thanksgiving weekend with RVers or 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 space for our squadron party once again. (Is it the chocolate cake we share with them, or because we have so much fun?) The Snohomish 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.



Our booth and the after dinner for the Anacortes Shipwreck Fest. This is our annual fund raiser. We are going to discuss the future of it at an upcoming meeting.



Below is our latest rendez-vous. Mark Deb, Kari and Deanna moored at Bell Harbor. Paul and Donna met up with us at game. The couple in the rear met up with us from Tacoma Squadron. This was actually a joint rendez-vous.



September Guest Speaker will be Bill Haimes, Island Marine Instrument Co. Inc., Navigation Instrument Service, Compass Adjusting

Bill is a former naval officer who learned the adjusting trade aboard warships in the late 60s. He learned the repair trade with Captain's Nautical Supplies, Inc. before starting Island Marine Instrument Co. in 1994.

His specialties are marine navigation instrument service and sales, including compass repair/adjusting, antiques restored, all makes and models, commercial and recreational vessels, including steel vessels.



Here is the other side of the story.....

Sandy and I went for a ride with Bill and Glen to watch them catch crabs.

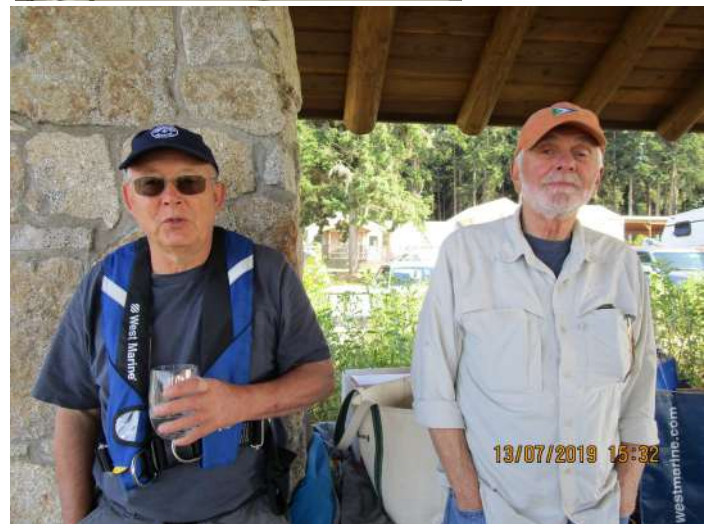
Glen is demonstrating which way to hold the crab

Bill is cruising back to Coronet Bay while Glen and Sandy talk about the trip.





The gang and the crab feast at Coronet Bay. There were even left overs. Crabbing was great right near the dock. 4 Boats showed up. 5 if you count the trailer dingys.



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

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USPS America's Boating Course

Anacortes Senior Activity Center
1701 22nd St, Anacortes, WA 98221

Mon., Wed., Fri., September 16, 18, 20, 2019

6:00 pm to 9:30 pm

The US Coast Guard-approved *America's Boating Course* provides you with basic boating knowledge to decide what type and size boat you need, what to do when meeting another boat in a crowded waterway, and how to recognize and handle hazards. Become a more competent boater, learn from the best, and enroll in *America's Boating Course* today. Many boat insurance companies will offer discounts on boating insurance to boaters who successfully complete *America's Boating Course*. And, this course provides a sound basis for continuing your recreational boating education.

What's Included? For both sail and power boats, *ABC* covers a wide range of topics:

- Types of boats and their uses,
- Boating laws, both Federal and State,
- Safety equipment, both required and recommended,
- Finding your way, and adverse conditions,
- Communications,
- Trailing, knots and lines,
- Water sports topics.

The course materials include a 174 page bound *Student Guide*. The course is completed by taking three three-hour sessions, including the final exam. Successful completion of the final exam allows students to apply for their Washington State Boaters Card, required for anyone born after Jan 1, 1955, and operating a vessel with a 15HP motor or greater.

\$65 for individuals or \$75 for two sharing a book

Contact Bob Miller at 360-588-9950 or

bobmillerwa@hotmail.com

Registration closes August 30, 2019

Class is limited to 15 students

Followed by the newly created *Boat Handling* class in October 2019

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Come for the Boating Education...Stay for the Friends™



Skagit Bay Sail and Power Squadron



Boat Handling Course

Anacortes Senior Activity Center
1701 22nd St, Anacortes, WA 98221

Mon., Wed, Sept. 30, Oct. 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 2019
7:00-9:00 p.m.

Boat Handling, which replaces the classic *Seamanship* course, builds boating confidence and competence for safe and fun on-the-water adventures. The course provides a foundation of knowledge and skills in boat handling and maneuvering boat operation, skipper's responsibilities, and boating *techniques that will advance your boating enjoyment*. ***Boat Handling*** no longer includes redundant Seamanship material — such as terminology, hull and engine types, and equipment requirements — that is already covered in *America's Boating Course*.

What's Included? For both sail and power boats, *Boat Handling* covers a wide range of topics:

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- Rules of the Road – A Practical Approach,
- Confidence in Docking and Undocking – Slow-Speed Maneuvering,
- Boating with Confidence – Handling Your Boat Underway,
- Anchoring with Assurance – Don't Get Carried Away,
- Emergencies on Board – Preparation for Handling Common Problems,
- Knots and Line Handling – The Knots You Need to Know.

The course materials include six downloadable e-books and the downloadable U.S. Coast Guard Navigation Rules. Students will need internet access to download and view the mandatory course material. The course is completed over six two-hour sessions, including the final exam session.

\$120 for individuals or \$160 for two sharing a book
(USPS members, \$60 and \$80)

Contact Bob Miller at 360-588-9950 or bobmillerwa@hotmail.co

Registration closes September 6

Class is limited to 15 students

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. <u>Top Sirloin Steak topped with Mushroom Demi Glaze</u> 2. <u>Apple & Smoked Gouda Hassel Back Chicken</u> 3. <u>Acorn Squash Ratatouille</u> All Entrees served with dinner salad, assorted hot rolls, Pastry Chef's dessert selection, coffee/decaf/tea	\$50.00 \$50.00 \$50.00	\$55.00 \$55.00 \$55.00	_____ _____ _____	\$ _____ \$ _____ \$ _____
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.®

**Happy September
Birthday
Ruth Peterson**



~ 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	206-609-1182
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	Vacant	
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	206-609-1182
Property Officer	George Johnson, SN	360-588-8125
Supply Officer	Glen Caporgno, S	209-484-2365
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Historian	George Johnson, SN	360-588-8125
Public Contact	Vacant	
Roster	Bob Miller, JN	360-588-9950
Scrapbook	Carolyn Caporgno, S	206-609-1182
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	
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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.

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Navigation Instrument Service, Compass Adjusting

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Ship's Store

SBS&PS Burgees for sale at \$25, includes tax

Classic T's and other shirts \$10

Cookbook (squadron) \$5