

THE BITTER END

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For Boaters, By Boaters

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CALENDAR

06 Jan— Ec-Com Meeting, 3PM, Hagen Burlington
13 Jan— Regular Meeting, Farmhouse, 6PM, Activity Plans



If you want to have input into what is going to happen socially this coming year, please come to the next regular meeting. We tend to do a lot of the same types of things each year and this will give you an opportunity to let us know if you like something different. We usually plan at least one activity or cruise a month year round and sometimes more. Let us know.



Commanders Message Carolyn Caporgno, S

Happy New Year! Wasn't that the best Lighted Boat Parade in La Conner and dinner at The Pub in a few years? It certainly was the largest in a while. Pretty colored lights and Christmas music. It was a great way to get into the Christmas season.

Here we are snowed in. Didn't think that would happen so early in the season, but it's okay. We don't have anywhere to go for a couple of days. Glen safely maneuvered a drive from Oak Harbor across the valley to Mount Vernon and home again on Christmas. It's been 19 degrees at our house today. The hummingbirds have been setting up their territory, some more aggressive than others. I rescued one from a patio chair. S/he had frozen to the top of the chair and was hanging like a bat. I took a little warm water to her feet, and she flew off.

We will have our annual planning meeting this month, and you will have an opportunity to voice your ideas Did you go to a new place in 2021 that you think the group would enjoy? We are looking for speakers for our general meetings in February and May. Have you met someone who has an interesting talk within the boating industry or who has taken a cruise of a lifetime on their own vessel? You? Are there courses you would like to see

our Education Department offer in 2022? Bring your ideas to the General Meeting this month.



Educational Department Lt/C Mark Richey, SN-IN

We have a class scheduled for January and there are a few folks interested this time. However only one has paid and the time has passed for registration. I am going to try and hook them up with one of the other squadrons doing virtual in the next couple months.

I am thinking we may need something different. I had set out to do hybrid but the places I was going to hold the class backed out last minute, luckily before I published the ad.

The district is going to come up with some funding for basic equipment, cameras etc., to hold hybrid classes for those squadrons that don't think they can do it on their own.

We need to do something education in the next few months. Possibly even a seminar. Maybe before the bridge year ends we can do an in person class.

There was some concern that our permission from NASBLA to run virtual classes ran out the end of 2021. That is true, however, the National headquarters is working with them to make that type of class and hybrid teaching permanent even post COVID.



Squadron Activities

By P/C Donna Mason, AP

What To Do in 2022!

We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming January Members Meeting, Thursday, January 13 at the Farmhouse Restaurant. We will be planning our Squadron's 2022 activities, both boating and land-based, and we want your input!

We are being optimistic about a better COVID situation and hope we can visit more places once again.

So, please think about where you would like to go, what would you like to do: weekend rendezvous, day trips? Bring your calendars, list of committed weekends, and suggestions for weekend rendezvous, other boating activities, and even some non-boating activities. Many of our members no longer have boats, but we enjoy getting together anyway. Where is your favorite weekend rendezvous spot? Do you prefer marinas with hook-ups or remote settings? Are you first timers? Are you seasoned boaters ready to try a new location? Do you want a "boat buddy" to travel to rendezvous with? Can you do daytrips only? Do you want to know what's involved being a host? Tell us your thoughts, ideas, and preferences. What did you think of other years' activities? What was missing? What should we add?

We need and welcome your ideas! Once we've all agreed on a plan, marina slips can be reserved, this year's squadron shirts will be available to order, and you can update your calendars.

We will have planning worksheets, tide information, charts, cruising guides and other materials to pique your interest.

Come to the meeting and be the first to know what's going on! See you there!

Our Squadron Holiday Party...We celebrated the season!

Mother Nature cooperated and sent the howling winds elsewhere for our party. The La Conner Pub and Eatery's protected outside patio venue worked quite well for our 18 people. We expected 22 people, but unfortunately, two couples could not attend due to illness.

The heaters and lighting worked, the Plexiglas protected us, we had plenty of space, and it was much quieter than the bedlam happening inside the restaurant.

Three guests joined us: D16 Cdr Ken and Pat Smith, whose boat was in G Dock awaiting some scheduled maintenance, and Incoming Commodore of the Shelter Bay Yacht Club Rod Proctor was the guest of George and Jeanne Brooks. Additional partyers were Cdr Carolyn and Glen Caporgno, Mark and Debbie Richey, Sandy Johnson, Don and Tami Coleman, John Woodard, Linda Wischmeyer, John and Marlene Bellinger, Paul Rosetter and me. There was a good show of large, decorated boats for the parade. We never got around to photographing people's holiday socks this year. Sorry, maybe next year.

Our generous members contributed \$150 to the Skagit Valley Neighbors in Need Food Bank. This is all out of members' pockets and not from squadron funds, a no-no since we are a nonprofit.

We finished the party with a heavily decorated (more frosting!) chocolate cake with raspberry filling and chocolate frosting, provided by our squadron. As is our custom, we saved enough pieces for the owner and all the staff of the Pub to enjoy that evening. Our burgee is wall-mounted above the pub's front window. Look for it next time you visit and let them know you are from "Skagit Bay Boating Squadron," as they have come to know us.



HOLIDAY PARTY AND BOAT PARADE AT LACONNER PUB

This is our regular location and annual event. One year we even decorated boats and participated.



IN THE FIRST PICTURE D/C KEN SMITH AND HIS WIFE PAT WERE THERE. THEY ARE ASSOCIATE MEMBERS OF OUR SQUADRON.



**Skagit Bay Sail & Power Squadron
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
December 02, 2021**

Attendance:

Mark Richey	Glen Caporgno	Carolyn Caporgno
Jack Dyer	George Johnson	Sandy Johnson
Debbie Richey	Donna Mason	Paul Roesetter

*Quorum present

Meeting Called to Order: 1815

Executive Officer – Kelly Libby

- Marketing Report – Donna Mason
 - No Marketing activities that require direct contact with the public.

Education Officer – Mark Richey

- NASBLA permission to teach classes in virtual will expire at the end of December. Advertising has been placed for the class in January

Administrative Officer –

- Activities: Donna Mason
 - Christmas Party in La Conner December 11 at The La Conner Pub.
- Membership – No new members
- Programs – Mike Beaver from Skagit Valley Maritime Center will be the speaker at March meeting.

Secretary – Debbie Richey

- Moved and seconded that we accept November ExCom minutes with a correction to the end time (1847)

Treasurer – Jack Dyer

- Balance: xxxxx (as of 11/30/2021)

Commander – Carolyn Caporgno

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Old Business –

Squadron By-Laws update. Donna is waiting for the Squadron Rules Committee to review them. Then she will bring the changes to the Executive Committee.

Telephone Committee – In the past it did help bring members to the meetings. We will look for volunteers and resurrect the committee. George Johnson has volunteered to be one of the three members on the committee.

Membership List – Debbie will update the membership list

Name Tags – Need to be ordered for new members

New Business – It was decided to temporarily move the start time of the Executive Board to 1500 (3 PM).

Strategic Alliances – Brokers and charter companies to stock our literature. Donna will develop a list to possibly put our literature.

Meeting adjourned: 1908

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.®



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~ General Meeting Information ~

Our General Meetings are normally 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.



Bridge Officers		
Commander	Carolyn Caporgno, S	209-609-1182
Executive Officer	Kelly Libby, S	425-359-7078
Education Officer	Mark Richey, SN-IN	425-876-6274
Administrative Officer	Vacant	
Secretary	Debbie Richey, AP	425-750-9551
Treasurer	Jack Dyer, P	425-785-7782
Executive Committee		
	Donna Mason, AP	360-595-1083
	Sandy Johnson, P	360-588-8125
	Paul Rosetter, AP	360-595-1083
	George Johnson, SN	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
Marketing	Donna Mason, AP	360 595-1083
Public Relations	Various members split	
Radio Technical	George Brooks, SN	
Safety	Don Coleman	360 333-2962
Vessel Exams	Vacant	
Education Department		
Assistant Education Officer	Debbie Richey, AP	360-387-1260
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Local Board Advanced Grds	George Brooks, SN	360 466-3470
Local Board Elect Courses	John Bellinger, SN	360-757-8091
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Boating Activities	Donna Mason, AP	360 595-1083
Rendezvous	Donna Mason, AP	
Greeting	Sandy Johnson, P	360-588-8125
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Programs	Vacant	
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Historian	George Johnson, SN	360-588-8125
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Scrapbook	Carolyn Caporgno, S	209-609-1182
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Auditing Committee		
1 Yr. Chair	Jeannie Drummond	
2 Yrs.	Deanna Randall-Secret	
3 Yrs.	Vacant	
Nominating Committee		
1 Yr. Chair	George Johnson, SN	360-588-8125
2 Yrs.	Debbie Richey, AP	360-387-1260
3 Yrs.	Vacant	
Rules Committee		
1 Yr. Chair	Donna Mason, AP	360 595-1083
2 Yrs.	George Johnson, SN	
3 Yrs.	Ruth Peterson, SN	

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 no longer wish to hold the committee spot we have you in, please let us know.