

THE BITTER END

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District 16

CALENDAR



02 May— ExCom Meeting, Burlington Hagen, 6PM
09 May— Regular Meeting, Farmhouse, June Trip, 6PM
17-19 May— Rosario Rendezvous, See Activity Schedule
17 May— Wear Life Jacket all Day



Get ready for planning to go with us north. The draft itinerary is in this issue. Love to have some of you non-members that get this newsletter come too. Other squadron commanders pass this on. Contact and other info is in the "Squadron Activities" section of this issue. Also coming up is our first FREE boating class. Let your friends know. See press release in this issue.



Commanders Message Mark Richey, SN-IN

Come out to the next meeting if you want to ask questions about our upcoming Desolation Sound Rendezvous. Mark and

Deb will have charts and books available for discussion. There is a copy of the itinerary in this issue. It is printed small so if you would like a better copy please let me know and I will bring some printed ones or send the file to you individually.

Take a look at the itinerary and if you want to change destinations or add a favorite spot please let us know. We were trying to make it a leisurely trip for a slow boat like a sailboat or trawler. You fast boats can jump around or go more places.

Another upcoming event is our first time trying a free basic boating class. We hope it will bring lots more attention. We will be using the state booklet for the students and using the ABC PowerPoints and tests. Tell your friends about it and we are looking for teachers.

We had a meeting with the commander of Deception Pass and we have decided to team up with them on things that make logical sense to

overlap our demographic, like this class and things that we both do in Anacortes area. It's good to have another squadron working with us and we can help each other.

This is our last regular meeting before summer and the next one will be in September so come out and talk about activities.



Administrative Officer Carolyn Caporgno, S

Ready for Opening Day on May 4!
We have a team checking out menu items at the Farmhouse to make some changes starting in September. Program planning is in the works. I have been unable to find a presenter for our May meeting but come on out and have dinner together. There are boating rendezvous to plan. Find out the destinations, and where to meet up.

We added an event to the calendar for our **Thursday, June 13** meeting. We will not be meeting at Shawn O'Donnell's Farmhouse. Instead, Carolyn and Glen Caporgno will host a BBQ potluck dinner at the Shelter Bay BBQ Pavilion, located behind the Clubhouse at 1000 Shoshone Drive. Setup and lighting of the BBQ will start at 5 p.m., with the BBQ meal starting at 6 p.m. You can sign up to bring a side dish or a dessert, starting at the May 9 General Meeting or email me at carolyncaporgno@gmail.com. We will have hamburgers and brats. Plates, cups, and utensils will be provided, as well as coffee and IZZE, a sparkling juice, popular with many for the last two year's BBQs.



Squadron Activities

By P/C Donna Mason, AP

On April 6 eleven of us enjoyed a gorgeous day ferry trip to Friday Harbor, exploring around town and enjoying dinner at Blue Water Grill.

Have fun getting your boat ready for boating season, and I hope you don't have too many frustrating moments! Be safe out there!

May 17 Wear Your Life Jacket Everywhere Day: Tying into Safe Boating Week, wear your life jacket as you go about your business and let people know why you are wearing it: you are a member of America's Boating Club and you promote boating safety for Safe Boating Week.

May 17-19 Rosario Resort Orcas Island Rendezvous by Boat or Car, hosted by Mark and Debbie Richey

Last weekend for less expensive spring boat slip rates. Reserve your slip by calling 360.376.2152 ext. 700. More info coming from Mark and Debbie.

June 14-July 6 "Aim for Desolation Sound Cruise"

Mark and Debbie in their sailboat "Quiet Time" will be venturing north, hoping to make it as far as Desolation Sound Canada. If you'd like to join them for this cruise, contact Debbie at drichey@rocketmail.com.

June 21-23 is the America's Boating Club District 16 Rendezvous in Poulsbo. See the Spring *Cardinal Points* or D16 website <https://www.uspsd16.org/news-events>. If you plan to go by boat, make your slip reservation asap.

July 18-22 Vancouver Island by boat or Tsawwassen Ferry to explore Victoria and Sidney, B.C. Hosted by Paul and Donna

Details to be worked out. Stay tuned. We plan to spend a few days each in Victoria and Sidney. The ferry from Anacortes won't be available for 5 years, so we'll approach by driving over the border to Tsawwassen. We might try to fit in a visit to Bchart Gardens. Boaters are welcome to join us.

August 30 – September 2 Labor Day Weekend with Seattle & Everett Squadrons. TBA

September 28 Squadron Anniversary Cookout at Coronet Bay, Deception State Park, Whidbey Island by boat or car, rain or shine.

The shelter is reserved for the day. Parking is Free on this State Parks Day. Hosted by Commander or Designee.

October D16 End of Season Cruise TBA by D16

See the Fall *Cardinal Points* or D16 website <https://www.uspsd16.org/news-events>.

November 15-17 Destination Train Trip Weekend hosted by Paul and Donna. Pencil in the date on your calendar. We'll take Amtrak from Mt. Vernon station to a TBA location for an explorations-and-delicious-dining weekend.

December 14 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 and Eatery at 702 First St. has reserved space for our Squadron Holiday Party beginning at 5 p.m. The Snohomish Yacht Club has scheduled its lighted boat parade that evening. Join us this year for a good time.

December 21 Afternoon Meal and Argosy Christmas Caroling Ship Cruise from Lake Union Seattle, hosted by Paul and Donna

The cruise schedule won't be available until after Thanksgiving, but based on prior years, this will be the grand finale weekend and the cruise will be in Seattle, not Kirkland. The 1 ½ hour cruise will be from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. AAA members receive a 20% discount ordering online. Prior to the cruise, we will enjoy a meal at a nearby restaurant. Some people may want to spend the night and enjoy other holiday festivities in Seattle.

America's Boating Club of Skagit Bay

2024 Activities Schedule - Revised

Date	Destination	Host	Theme
Jan – Feb	Stay Safe!		Prep for the Season
Feb 2-10	Seattle Boat Show: Enjoy it on your own		What's New In Boating?
March 16	Langley, Whidbey Island Boat or Car Day Trip	Paul & Donna	Prima Bistro & Explore
April 6	Friday Harbor San Juan Island Boat or Car Ferry	Paul & Donna	Spring on the Island
May 17	Wear Your Life Jacket <u>Everywhere</u> Day		Boating Safety Week
May 17-19	Rosario Resort, Orcas Island, Boat or Car	Mark & Debbie Richey	Off season rates!
June 14-July 6	Aim for Desolation Sound Cruise	Mark & Debbie Richey	Slow boating northward
June 21-23	D16 Rendezvous, Poulsbo	D16 Commander	See Spring Cardinal Points
July 18-22	Boat or Tsawwassen Ferry to Victoria and Sidney, B.C.	Paul & Donna	Explore Vancouver Island
Aug 30-Sept 2	TBD location with Seattle & Everett Squadrons	See Everett & Seattle Websites	Labor Day Weekend
Sept 28	Anniversary Cookout, Coronet Bay, Whidby Island	Squadron Commander/Designee	By Car Free Day or Boat!
Oct TBD	D16 End of Season Cruise	D16 TBD	Enjoy boating with D16 Members
Nov 15-17	TBD Destination Train Trip	Paul & Donna	A weekend of explorations
Dec 14	LaConner Lighted Boat Parade & Holiday Party	Paul & Donna	Holidays celebration
Dec 21	Seattle Afternoon Meal & Argosy Christmas Caroling Ship	Donna & Paul	Sat. 5 p.m. Cruise, overnight?

DAVID B

I am one who cheers when a classic motor vessel is saved from the dump heap. One stellar example is the 1929 "David B" which is berthed at Bellingham's Squalicum Harbor when not touring in Alaska.

Paul and I joined others for a special tour of this beauty April 13 before it departs for its 19th season in Alaska. This is a loving restored and maintained by Jeffrey and Christine Smith and their adventure cruising Northwest Navigation Company. Everything is in Bristol shape. She has a delightful-but-I'm-glad-I-don't-have-to-use Heartland Sweetheart wood-burning stove for cooking. The dining area has wrap-around windows. There are 4 staterooms for up to 8 people below deck along with the engine room and storage and captain's quarters. The head includes a cast-iron bathtub with shower. The boat is powered by the original Washington Iron Works three-cylinder diesel engine, the oldest one still in use on a boat. The David B was built at the Lake Washington Shipyard in Houghton, WA, worked in Bristol Bay, Alaska and at a cannery in Ekuik on the Nushagak River for about 25 seasons. It also towed smaller boats to the salmon fishing waters. The "David B" got stuck on the beach when the Nushagak River changed course. It sat for decades until then owners brought her by barge to Seattle where, in 1998, Northwest Navigation became the new owners. A major restoration and update with great attention to detail was done; even the keyboard at the helm has brass-encased keys. It is 65' long, has a 16' beam, displaces 67 tons and the draft is 7'. Her frame is steam-bent oak and laminated fir/epoxy. The planking is douglas fir.

Photo shows the beautiful help with co-owner Christine Smith

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Donna Mason





Skagit Bay Sail & Power Squadron
Local Unit of America's Boating Club®
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
April 22, 2024

Free Boating Safety Course

America's Boating Club of Skagit Bay and America's Boating Club of Deception Pass are offering a one-time FREE Boating Safety Course taught by qualified instructors.

Dates: June 8 and 15 from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.; test June 17 evening
Location: Anacortes
of student slots: 18
Requirements: none
Sign up contact: Adam Deitz, adam@marinerlaw.com by the deadline May 26

Passing the exam qualifies one to apply for the Washington State Boating Education Card.

The U.S. Coast Guard-approved "America's Boating Course" provides basic boating knowledge to decide what type and size boat one needs, 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.

America's Boating Club of Skagit Bay and America's Boating Club of Deception Pass are the local units of the non-profit America's Boating Club®, United States Power Squadrons®. For over 100 years USPS® has been providing basic and advanced boating education classes and seminars by qualified instructors at minimal cost, including qualifying boaters for the Washington State Boater Education card. We are an all-volunteer organization. Check our websites at: www.skagitsquadron.org or www.deceptionpasssailandpowersquadron.com.

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Desolation Sound Cruise

All dates and distances are approximate. Dates may change due to weather. Most distances are 20-30 miles a day. Highly recommend purchasing a recent copy of Waggoner Cruising Guide. Purchase a set of paper charts for area. Multiple charts may be needed covering East coast Vancouver Island to Powell River, Sunshine Coast and north up into Desolation Sound. If you desire to take a side trip to Princess Louisa you will also need Jervis Inlet.

Reservations
Required

Date	Destination	Mileage	Notes	Marina	VHF Channel	Amenities
14-Jun	Friday or Deer Harbor		Meet up.			
15-Jun	Port of Sidney	19	Clear Customs, provision if needed	Port Sidney Marina (250)655-3711	66A	30, 50, 100 amp power, water, power, showers, laundry, pump out. Market is a short walk.
16-Jun	Telegraph Harbor - Thetis Island	25.7		Thetis Island Resort Phone (250)246-3464	66A	Fuel, propane, 15 & 30 amp power, Washrooms, showers and laundry, restaurant, small store, ice and restaurant.
17-Jun	Nanaimo - Transit Dodd Narrows	18.5	Scheduled two days for weather, may leave the next day if weather is good. We will need to pay attention if WG is operating.	Nanaimo Port Authority (250)755-1216 or (250)754-5053	67	20, 30, & 50 amp power, water, washrooms, showers, laundry, fuel, chandlery. Many restaurants, grocery store.
18-Jun	Nanaimo		Weather Day if needed			
19-Jun	Secret Cove	23.6 - across WG 29.0 if WG is active	Request Reservations online. Secretcovemarina.com	Secret Cove Marina (604)885-3533	66A	15, 30 and 50 amp power, fuel, washrooms, showers, restaurant small grocery, ice
20-Jun	Grief Point/Powell River	29 Grief Point 34 Powell River	First come first served, need to call ahead to see if they have room.	Beach Gardens Marina Phone (604)485-6267 Westview Harbor (604) 485-5244	66A 66A	15 & 30 amp power, water, washrooms, showers, laundry indoor pool, ice, fuel (seasonal only) 30 & 50 amp power, washrooms, showers, laundry, garbage
21-Jun	Tenedos Bay Marine Park	22 from Powell River 27 from Grief Point	Marine Park	Anchorage, 14 stern tie pins around bay		
22-Jun	Tenedos Bay Marine Park		Day to rest			
23-Jun	Refuge Cove	8	Good anchorage in bay	Refuge Cove General Store Phone (250)935-6659	Does not monitor VHF	15 amp power (may only be on 9-5), water, fuel, washrooms, showers and laundry. Fresh Bakery.
24-Jun	Roscoe Bay Marine Park	6.5	Marine Park	Anchorage, 12 stern tie pins		
25-Jun	Toba Wilderness Marina	13 via Deer Point		Toba Wilderness Marina (250)830-2269	66A	30 & 50 amp power, water, washroom, showers and garbage.
26-Jun	Toba Wilderness Marina					
27-Jun	Evan's Bay	17		Anchorage		
28-Jun	Campbell River	18		Discovery Harbor Marina (250)287-2614	66a	20, 30, 50 & 100 amp power, washrooms, showers, laundry, garbage, fuel. Shopping center near marina.
29-Jun	Lund	21		Lund Small Craft Harbour	73	20, 30 and some 50 amp power, water, garbage, fuel washrooms and showers
30-Jun	Westview	12.5		Westview Harbor (604)485-5244	66A	30 & 50 amp power, washrooms, showers, laundry, garbage, fuel
1-Jul	Pender Harbor	24.6		John Henry's Resort and Marina (604)883-2336	66A	30 & 50 amp power, washrooms, showers, laundry, garbage, ice, fuel. Small convenience store.
2-Jul	Secret Cove or Nanaimo	10 Secret Cove 23.3 Nanaimo	May spend two days depending on weather	See June 19 See June 18		
3-Jul	Pirates Cove	12	Marine Park	16 stern tie chains		
4-Jul	Annette Inlet or Ganges	20	Anchorage			
5-Jul	Back to US		Clear Customs			

Skagit Bay Sail and Power Squadron
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
April 4, 2024

Attendance:

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

Quorum present
Meeting started: 1805

Officer's Reports

Executive Officer

Marketing – District sent out a feeler to see if wanted to participate in events in the area. We do not want to participate at Trawlerfest or other events in the area. We just don't have the membership willing to participate

Education Officer – Adam Deitz (Not present)

We need to start publicizing our June ABC class. Since the class will be free we might be able to use the free advertising in community publications. We will teach the class at Anacortes Marina in their conference room. Maybe we can use the ad that Deception Pass Squadron uses.

Administrative Officer – Carolyn Caporgno

Programs – April – Change of Watch

Membership – Debbie Richey – No new members

Activities – Donna Mason - April 6 Friday Harbor day trip with lunch at Blue Water.

Secretary – Debbie Richey – March minutes approved.

Treasurer – Jack Dyer – Balance as of March 31 is \$xxxxx. The annual financial review was done April 4, 2024.

Commander – Deception Pass has inquired about the possibility of merging with us if things go awry for them. At this time, Deception Pass has no elected officers they were all appointed.

Old Business -

New Business - June barbecue – Carolyn is going to reserve the picnic shelter at Shelter Bay for June 13 or June 6.

Meeting adjourned 1832

America's Boating Club of Skagit Bay

General Meeting April 11, 2024

Attendance:

Mark Richey
Debbie Richey
Jack Dyer
Carolyn Caporgno
Glen Caporgno

George Johnson
Sandy Johnson
John Woodard
Dan Niven
Elizabeth Mahoney-Niven
Steve Drummond

Jeanne Drummond
Donna Mason
Paul Rosetter
Barbara Erickson (Guest)
Steve Erickson (Guest)
Annette Ferguson (Guest)

The meeting started at 1736 at Shawn O'Donnell's Farmhouse Restaurant

Guests were introduced. Annette Ferguson, Barb and Steve Erickson

Education – Advertising needs to start for the June class. The class will be free to students.

Secretary: - March minutes were approved as corrected.

Treasurer - Jack Dyer reported bank account balance of as of February 29, 2024, \$xxxxx.

Commander: Mark Richey – Rosario Resort is open and taking marina reservations. Mark is going to poll the group to see who wants to go.

Desolation Sound Cruise – We might send out a district blast to advertise the cruise.

The Bitter End and the website won communication awards.

Marks closing address. He thanked the bridge for helping this year.

Bridge was dismissed. Barb Erickson, District 16 Representative, read some remarks and loved all of our rendezvous. Barb read remarks from the district bridge. Tom Dagliesh District Commander, wants to hold talks with each squadron. Barb covered the Poulsbo rendezvous and all the activities that will be happening.

Barb Erickson swore in the bridge starting with Mark.

Meeting Adjourned: 2005

Pictures of our group at Friday Harbor walk on Rendezvous

1. Eleven of us at group dinner at Blue Water.
2. Carolyn Caporgno among the Ron Smith fruiting bodies of slime mold sphere sculptures at San Juan Museum.



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.®

Squadron Logo Wear

Did you know that there is a shop in La Conner that will embroider shirts, bags and hats with the Skagit Bay name and burgee? It's called CleverKathy. She has our logo already setup. You can bring your own items or purchase one of her many items. Stop in sometime and see what she has to offer! https://www.cleverkathydesigns.com/store/c1/Featured_Products.html

We are always looking for boating related articles from any member. Photos too. If you think it would be of interest to the Squadron, send it. The editor will insert as space and subject provides. Note that the green box on the first page is quick editorial comments and attention getting items .

~ General Meeting Information ~

Our General Meetings are normally held monthly on the 2nd Thursdays of each month (except July & August), at Shawn O'Donnell's, 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.



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	Jeannie Drummond	
Nominating Committee		
	Debbie Richey, AP	
	George Johnson, SN	
Rules Committee		
	George Johnson, SN	
	Donna Mason, AP	

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.