

THE BITTER END

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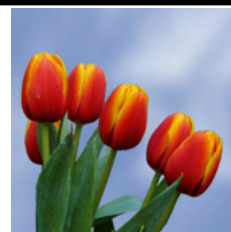


A Division Of United States Power Squadrons™
District 16



CALENDAR

- 03 April— Exec Meeting, 4PM Burlington Haggan
- 07 April— Test Night ABC Class, Anacortes Marina 6PM
- 10 April— Regular Meeting, Change of Watch, Farmhouse
- 20 April— Happy Easter
- 02-4 May— Langley Cruise, Lunch and Primo Bistro



Come to our next meeting which is the change of watch. We will have a district representative there and it may even be the commander. There is lots going on nationally and he will have a report for you all to hear as well as swearing in the new officers. See you all there.



Commanders Message Mark Richey, SN-IN

Hi members. This will be my last article as commander for the year. Debbie will take over from here and I will continue on as

XO and in the Ed Department. We need some folks to step into various committees so take a look at that.

We have a couple of great social activities coming up that even you new members I am sure would like. Take a look at our list and get your names in for the event.

Don't forget we are also sharing events and co-teaching classes with Deception Pass. Their next meeting will have a seminar on Safe Navigation. They will be having something on the topic of Cruise Planning at the next few meetings. They meet 5:30 the 3rd Tuesday downstairs at Oak Harbor Yacht Club and its always a potluck.

Don't forget Tulip Festival is starting. The valley will be full of flowers and tourists so be careful on those back roads.



Administrative Officer Carolyn Caporgno, S

Join us on Thursday, April 10, 2025, for our annual Change of Watch at Shawn O'Donnell's Farmhouse. We've made it easy this year - no ordering or paying ahead. Our menu will include the regular choices, and you will pay at the restaurant. Happy Half Hour begins at 6 p.m.

Do you need a new burgee before Opening Day on May 4? We offer two sizes: 16" x 24" (2) and 12" x 18" (3). Contact me if you would like me to bring one for you to the Change of Watch.

Boating is a shared experience. Join in the celebration and share your boating adventures.

If you know someone interested in speaking on a boating topic, please do not hesitate to contact me at carolyncaporgno@gmail.com.

America's Boating Club of Skagit Bay

2025 Activities Schedule

Date	Destination	Host
Jan – Feb	Stay Safe!	
Jan 31 – Feb 8	Seattle Boat Show: Enjoy it on your own	
March 28-30	Friday Harbor San Juan Island Boat or Car Ferry	Mark & Debbie Richey
May 2-4	Langley, Whidbey Island Boat or Car Day Trip	Paul Rosetter & Donna M.
May 17	Wear Your Life Jacket <u>Everywhere</u> Day	
June 6-8	Coupeville Rendezvous	Craig and Billie Ford
June 12	Shelter Bay Squadron Picnic and June Meeting	TBD Cdr.
June 13-29?	Desolation Sound Cruise with Deception Pass Sq.	Jerry Liggett
June 20-22?	D16 Rendezvous, Poulsbo	D16 Commander
July 18-Aug 3	South Sound Cruise, Mariner's, Bell Harbor Marina	Mark & Debbie Richey
Sept 12-14	Garrison Bay Anchor Out	Fords & Richeys
Sept 19-21 Mahoney-Niven	Port of Edmonds Rendezvous	Dan Niven & Elizabeth
Sept 26-28	Anniversary Cookout, Coronet Bay, Whidby Island	Squadron Commander/Designee
End Oct TBD	D16 End of Season Cruise	D16 TBD
Nov 14-16	Pt. Townsend by boat or ferry	TBD
Dec 13	LaConner Lighted Boat Parade & Holiday Party	Paul R. & Donna M.

As the events get closer the hosts will write up details on how to make reservations, if needed, and what to expect. ***The D16 Rendezvous date has changed to Jun 5-8 at Port Ludlow.***

May 3 Langley, Whidbey Island Boat or Car Day Trip and Lunch at Prima Bistro

Venture by car or boat to Langley for a scrumptious Noon lunch at Prima Bistro, 201 1/2 1st St. on the upper floor over the Star Market. We have space reserved for 12 people, and they open at Noon. The current menu is at <https://primabistro.com/menus>. There is free parking in back of the building and you can enter up the stairs. Explore around this picturesque town and see what's new. Some adventurous souls may want to spend the weekend at the Langley dock.. Use the reservation form at <https://portofsouthwhidbey.com>

Hosted by Paul Rosetter and Donna Mason. RSVP by April 25 to donnajmason@gmail.com or call 360 595-1083.

Early Notice for Mariners Game Aug 2.

If you are planning on bringing your boat either to the game or the South Sound cruise, we have made a reservation for ourselves at Bell Harbor Marina from Aug 1-3. Will says they are wide open right now and will pencil in a couple extra slips for us so we can be together. If you call for reservations say you are cruising with Quiettime, Mark and Debbie Richey. More later on tickets and itinerary.

The harbormaster is Will at 206-787-3952. There is no reservation fee but you might want to think about not waiting too long as that is during Sea Fair.

Friday Harbor Dinner at Downriggers



Left to right: Billie Ford, Craig Ford, Tom Fox, Lori Fox, Dan Niven, Debbie Richey, Photos by me., Mark Richey

Jigsaw on ferry on way home



Hi there!

I am Jerry Liggett, Commander of the Deception Pass Squadron. I am completing my 2 years as the Commander. I am being pulled away pretty regularly for elder care issues in CA. As a change of watch is upon us, our squadron has been joined by the amazingly experienced Captain Kevin J. Pisani. Kevin is the past Commander of the Bremerton Squadron and is a USCG Licensed Captain with a 50' live aboard. Kevin will be assuming the duties of Commander for the Deception Pass Squadron. I will be assisting as the Executive Officer as my CA obligations allow.

I have spoken with Kevin regularly about our combined interests in co-mingling training and social schedules. The benefits make each squadron more interesting and desirable, and best serve our members to learn to be safe boaters and **STAY OFF THE ROCKS!**

We are also talking about a June trip to **Desolation Sound, BC**. We will revisit **CRUISE PLANNING** topics for inclusion in our monthly meeting's progressive Training Program. So start getting your boat up to speed, join us in our updated classes on Navigation, Charting, Crossing the border and Returning, Boat Maintenance, how to use the Navionics App, Provisioning, and Cooking at Sea!

We meet on the third Tuesday of every month, Oak Harbor Yacht Club, 5:30 PM. We enjoy a potluck dinner and the training begins. **YOU ARE INVITED!**

Skagit Bay Sail and Power Squadron
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
March 6, 2024

Attendance:

George Johnson	Mark Richey	Jack Dyer	Debbie Richey
Sandy Johnson	Carolyn Caporgno		

Quorum present
Meeting started: 1618

Officer's Reports

Executive Officer

Marketing – Nothing to report

Education Officer – Adam Deitz (Not present)

ABC advertising is lacking. We don't know if Deception Pass has done any advertising. We have four students.

Administrative Officer – Carolyn Caporgno

Programs – Difficulty getting folks to respond to inquiries to speak.

Membership – Debbie Richey – no report

Activities – Friday Harbor has been moved to March 22 due to a conflict with District 16 district conference.

Secretary – Debbie Richey – February minutes approved.

Treasurer – Jack Dyer – Balance as of January 31 is \$xxxxx.

Commander – Need delegates for spring conference. No volunteers. Meeting is also available via Zoom.

Old Business – Mark has talked to Jerry about fundraisers. Jerry will get back to Mark.

New Business - Shelter Bay is offering a First Aid/CPR class April 12 9 am to 1 pm. Includes how to use an AED.

Meeting adjourned 1632

America's Boating Club of Skagit Bay

General Meeting March 13, 2025

Attendance:

Mark Richey
Debbie Richey
George Johnson

Sandy Johnson
Jack Dyer
Ron Zuber
Carolyn Caporngio

Donna Mason
Paul Rosetter
Billie Ford
Craig Ford

The meeting started at 1831 at Shawn O'Donnell's Farmhouse Restaurant

Education – ABC class scheduled for March 29 and April 5, at Anacortes Marina. We have 6-7 students signed up for class.

Admin – Programs are in planning.

Activities – **Friday Harbor** is March 22-23. Reservations at Downriggers at 4:30 pm.

Primo Bistro – May 2

Coupeville Rendezvous – June 7 and 8 Same weekend as D16 rendezvous. Craig and Billie Ford are hosting.

Secretary: - February minutes were approved as written. Moved and seconded we accept minutes.

Treasurer – Balance of checking \$xxxxx.

Commander: Mark Richey – Deception Pass has the crab pots available to them. Deception Pass sells them for \$35/each. They will give us as many as we need. We need to let Jerry Ligget know how many we need. They come with line, float, bait holder. WDFW has recovered them from Puget Sound and refurbushised then.

Old Business – George Johnson gave a report on the telephone committee.

New Business –

The nominations were moved and seconded to accept as a single slate as published. The officers were approved..

Meeting adjourned 1850

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.



Bridge Officers		
Commander	Debbie Richey, AP	425-750-9551
Executive Officer	Mark Richey, SN-IN	425-876-6274
Education Officer	Adam Deitz	203-536-6402
Administrative Officer	-	-
Secretary	George Johnson, SN	360-588-8125
Treasurer	Jack Dyer, AP	425-785-7782
Executive Committee		
	Donna Mason, AP	360-595-1083
	Sandy Johnson, P	360-588-8125
	Carolyn Caporgno, S	
Commander Department		
Chaplain	Ruth Peterson, SN	360-293-1888
Flag Lt.	Glen Caporgno, S	
Port Captain		
Law Officer	Debbie Richey, AP	360-387-1260
Merit Marks		
Executive Department		
Co-Op Charting	Mark Richey, SN-IN	425-876-6274
Liaison	Debbie Richey, AP	360-387-1260
Marketing		
Public Relations	Various members split	
Radio Technical		
Safety	Don Coleman	360 333-2962
Vessel Exams	Vacant	
Education Department		
Assistant Education Officer	Mark Richey, SN-IN	
Local Board Public Boating	George Johnson, SN	360-588-8125
Local Board Advanced Grds		
Local Board Elect Courses		
Administrative Department		
Boating Activities		
Rendezvous		
Greeting	Sandy Johnson, P	360-588-8125
Membership	Debbie Richey, AP	
Operations Training	Debbie Richey, AP	360-387-1260
Programs	Carolyn Caporgno, S	
Property Officer	George Johnson, SN	360-588-8125
Supply Officer	Glen Caporgno, S	209-484-2365
Secretary's Department		
Editor "Bitter End"	Mark Richey, SN-IN	425-876-6274
Historian	George Johnson, SN	360-588-8125
Public Contact	Vacant	
Roster	Debbie Richey, AP	
Scrapbook	Carolyn Caporgno, S	209-609-1182
Webmaster / IT	Kari Randall-Secrest, N	360-387-1194
Auditing Committee		
	Sandy Johnson, P	
	Jeannie Drummond	
Nominating Committee		
	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.