

THE BITTER END

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CALENDAR

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- 1 May— Excom Meeting, Burlington haggan, 4PM
 - 2-4 May— Langley Rendezvous, Boat or Car, Prima Bistro Lunch
 - 8 May— Regular Meeting, Shawn O'Donnells. 6PM, Program
 - 20 May— Deception Pass Meeting, OHYC, 1730, Potluck

Take a look at the rendezvous we have in the next couple months. The hosts have articles here telling you about them and how to attend or make reservations. They look like fun. If you want to help hosting please let the contact know.



Commanders Message Debbie Richey, P

Welcome to May! We have lots of opportunities coming up to join in our activities. May 2 we are having lunch at Primo Bistro

in Langley. Langley is a cute small town on Whidbey Island. You can come by boat or by car. In June we will have our annual end of the year picnic at Shelter Bay Picnic area next to the marina. More details on the activities are in the schedule.

For the May meeting, we are going to do a short seminar on reading a chart and chart 1. Chart 1 is the one with all the symbols shown on a US chart. I hope you will join us.

We had a great change of watch in April. It was lighthearted and lots of fun.

Is your boat ready for a great summer of cruising? Here is a great article from BoatUS with tips to get your boat ready: <https://www.boatus.com/expert-advice/expert-advice-archive/2020/april/how-to-get-your-boat-ready-for-spring>. Also make sure to test your inflatable PFDs. You can blow them up and let them sit over night to make sure there are no leaks.

Make sure to check the cylinders to make sure they are still green and ready to use.

See you out on the water!

CRAB POT SALES

We had 40 crab pots we picked up last month along with Deception Pass Squadron, to be used for this year's fund raiser. We were going to keep them for a sale but Mark and Craig decided to put word out in their neighborhood. Of the 40 we got we now have about 18 left and have made close to \$1000. We can sell the rest the same way or have a small yard sale. Up to you . We need to pick up the last 12 from Oak Harbor in the next week.

Lets try and get them sold before crabbing opens in July. If you are interested in any for yourself, contact Craig Ford.

19crafor52@gmail.com

They are all professionally refurbished and include new lines, floats and bait holders.

We may be able to get a few more this fall.

America's Boating Club of Skagit Bay

2025 Activities Schedule (Revised)

| Date | Destination | Host |
|-----------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| 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 6-7 | D16 Rendezvous, Port Ludlow Marina | D16 Cdr Gary Baker |
| June 12 Caporgno | Shelter Bay Squadron Picnic and June Meeting 1 st picnic this year! | Cdr Rep P/C Carolyn |
| June 13-29? | Desolation Sound Cruise with Deception Pass Sq. | Jerry Liggett |
| 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 | Cdr Debbie Richey |
| 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.***

COUPEVILLE RENDEZVOUS JUNE 6-8

Feel free to come by boat on Friday, First come first serve. The events will be on Saturday as follows: Late Coffee at Crabby Coffee on Main at 1030. Then we will head to Island County Historical Museum for a great tour of all things island. We are working on getting an extra car to take us to the Sculpture forest park to view the sculptures of the site. Back that evening for dinner at Toby's Tavern. That's a real treat if you have never been , especially the mussels direct from Penn Cove.

The wharf building itself is interesting if time permits and you are all welcome to come down to my boat for a visit and fellowship. Let us know if you are coming. Craig and Billie Ford 19crafor52@gmail.com

Points North Cruise (Maybe Desolation Sound) June 13-28

Jerry Liggett of Deception Pass is hosting for us. Right now due to some folks not having passports, it is slated to be a progressive cruise through the San Juans with lots of anchoring and exploring. May get further north depending. If interested in joining or helping out., please contact Jerry at jliggett4@hotmail.com

Important 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

CHANGE OF WATCH PICTURES FROM APRIL MEETING



Donna, our regular picture taker that never gets in pictures



District Commander Gary Baker swearing in bridge and commander.



Past Commander Mark giving thank you gifts to his past bridge Jack and Carolyn

America's Boating Club of Skagit Bay

General Meeting April 10, 2025

Attendance:

Mark Richey
Debbie Richey
Jack Dyer
Carolyn Caporgno
Glen Caporgno

Donna Mason
Paul Rosetter
Billie Ford
Craig Ford
Steve Erickson
Barbara Erickson

Dan Niven
John Woodard
Gary Baker

The meeting started at 1835 at Shawn O'Donnell's Farmhouse Restaurant

Education – Just finished ABC class with Deception Pass. Three folks took the exam and all passed.

Admin – Programs are in planning.

Activities – Primo Bistro – May 2. There are 3 more spaces available, 9 have confirmed as attending.

Coupeville Rendezvous – June 7 and 8 Same weekend as D16 rendezvous. Craig and Billie Ford are hosting. Please make sure to let them know you are coming.

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

Treasurer – Balance of checking \$xxxxxx

Commander: Mark Richey – Crab pots were picked up today from WDFW. Deception Pass Squadron was allocated 90 pots and gave 40 to us. They are refurbished and come with a new float, lines, bait containers and if needed weights.

Old Business –**New Business –**

After a break for dinner, Mark gave his outgoing commander report. We have been around 22 years. We were presented with two awards at the Spring Conference for the Bitter End and our website. Gifts were given to Carolyn, Jack and Mark for their years on the bridge. Mark Dismissed the bridge. Gary Baker gave his message and swore in the bridge officers.

Meeting adjourned 2015

Skagit Bay Sail and Power Squadron
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
April 3, 2024

Attendance:

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| George Johnson | Mark Richey | Jack Dyer | Debbie Richey |
| Sandy Johnson | Carolyn Caporgno | Donna Mason | Paul Rosetter |

Quorum present

Meeting started: 1609

Officer's Reports

Executive Officer

Marketing – Nothing to report

Education Officer – Adam Deitz (Not present)

Second session of ABC is April 5, 2025. Four students have attended.

Administrative Officer – Carolyn Caporgno

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

Activities – Primo Bistro, Langley, will be May 3.

Secretary – Debbie Richey – Corrections: Change year to 2025. March minutes approved as corrected.

Treasurer – Jack Dyer – Balance as of March 31 is \$4xxxx

Commander – We don't have insurance for meetings and rendezvous. Courses are covered as long as insurance company knows of our class and location.

Old Business – Jerry talked to WDFW about quantities and sales. We are waiting to hear from WDFW for when they will be available.

New Business - Ed fund used to send out monthly e-mails for ed fund. Have not seen one yet this year. Membership renewals are not even asking for Ed Fund donations?

Meeting adjourned 1650

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 | - | - |
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| | Donna Mason, AP | 360-595-1083 |
| | Sandy Johnson, P | 360-588-8125 |
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| Radio Technical | | |
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| | Jeannie Drummond | |
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| | 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.