



## **SKAGIT BAY SEARCH** **and RESCUE**

Skagit Bay Search and Rescue (SBSAR), established in 2002, is a non-profit organization composed of unpaid volunteers who provide marine-related support to the Skagit County Sheriff's Department. SBSAR also provides safety support for many iconic Skagit Bay activities such as "Dash to the Pass", the "Smelt Derby", "Deception Pass Race", the "Puget Sound Rowers Race", etc.



SBSAR uses a dedicated 23' custom aluminum boat with a 130hp outboard engine docked at La Conner Marina to respond to missions assigned by the

Sheriff's Department. Missions typically cover waters from Skagit Bay to Deception Pass, up the Skagit River to the North Fork Bridge and in the Swinomish Channel to Fidalgo and Padilla Bays.

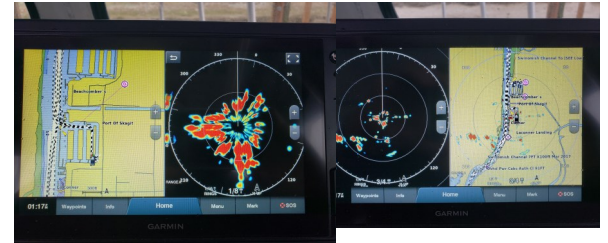


Thousands of people venture out on our waters each year in large yachts and small boats. Boaters, fishermen, hunters and kayakers often underestimate the power and speed of the tidal currents, sudden winds, and waves in Deception Pass and Skagit Bay, river currents in the Skagit River and the numbing and deadly effects of cold water.



SBSAR team members are trained in boat operations, navigation, search and rescue procedures and medical support and transportation. We operate under the authority of the Skagit County Sheriff's Office of Search and Rescue Operations.

and work closely with the Sheriff's Marine Patrol Unit, US Coast Guard, and other SAR authorities. A mission involves members on a boat and an on-shore command coordinating communications.



Members are notified of a mission through the I Am Responding app on their smart phone and are expected to respond via the app with either a yes or unable. Note call outs may occur at any time day or night and members must be prepared for all weather and any length of mission with adequate clothing and gear.



SBSAR members are required to pass Skagit County Sheriff's Office background checks, receive Skagit County emergency worker cards, have passed two basic National Incident Management System (NIMS) exams and maintain certification in CPR & Basic First Aid. Additional core competency trainings are provided by the SBSAR Training Officer.



## Interested in Joining?

SBSAR is looking for new volunteers. You should be able to swim, be a team player and dedicated to the work. You will need to be at least 16 years old and live in the La Conner/Shelter Bay area. You should be in good health. We meet once a month for classroom training and a business meeting and usually perform on-the-water search and rescue training monthly.



Please send an email to [SkagitBaySAR@gmail.com](mailto:SkagitBaySAR@gmail.com) expressing your interest with information about yourself including experience.

Thank you, from all of us, for your support and interest in this organization.



Members are expected to attend monthly organization & training meetings, participate in training exercises and help with the general needs of the organization.

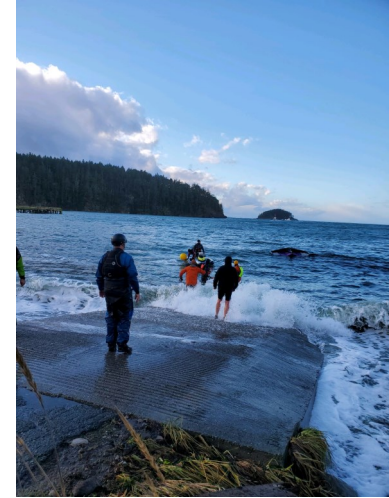


SBSAR is financially responsible for motors, gear, fuel, maintenance, and vessel improvements. Member-boats are, as needed and as approved, may also be used on missions or training exercises. SBSAR operations, required gear (i.e. exposure suits/PFDs), equipment and mission needs, require donations.



Fund-raising by members of the organization is necessary.

For this reason, donations and bequests are gratefully accepted.



## Want to support us?



SBSAR is entirely supported by donations and money from fundraisers. We are a non-profit 501c (3) organization. Every dollar of your tax-deductible gift will be used to help fund equipment, gear, vessels and training. Contributions are always welcomed. Contact us at [SkagitBaySAR@gmail.com](mailto:SkagitBaySAR@gmail.com)

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