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# HARBOR LIGHTS



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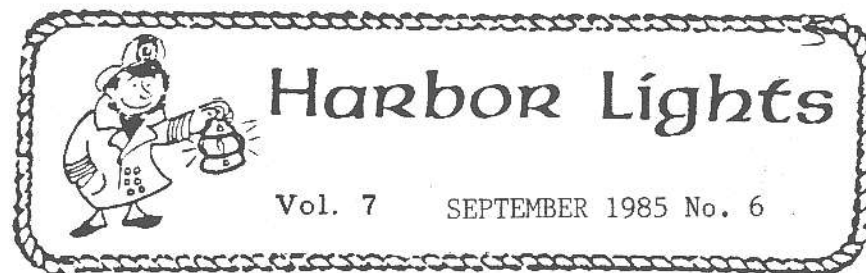
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-- C A L E N D A R --

**TUESDAY**

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MEETING

**10**

**SATURDAY**

SQUADRON OPENER

STEELE'S @ 1 PM

**14**

**SATURDAY**

CRUISE/RENDEZVOUS

PREVOST HBR

**21**

**SUNDAY**

**22**

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## Commander's Message

By Fred Hoepfner, AP, Commander

I note with pride the accomplishments of our members reported elsewhere in this issue of Harbor Lights. For a hot summer there has been a lot of activity. To put a cap on Sunny Vynne's account of the "San Juan County Harbor Patrol" I have asked that the very nice letter sent to me by Sheriff Ray Sheffer be printed in this issue.

Our commendations go to several of our members for their efforts this summer in helping fellow yachtsmen. Good examples of how Power Squadron Training can help both Rescuer and Rescued.

Some "Balls of Fire" events are coming up - Check the calendar for dates and times.

Your Executive Board has agreed that the present dues structure should remain as is. While we do have a surplus in the bank, it is anticipated that there may be increased expenditures in the forthcoming year. It was also pointed out that the end cost to the members is actually less now because we no longer collect a "door charge". Bar costs are also being reduced to a more-or less break-even amount. This means the entire membership shares the cost of our operation, and those who attend our functions reap the benefits.

It is time to be considering your educational plans for this year. There will be more on this subject at the Salmon Barbeque Squadron Opener.

We thank San Juan County Sheriff for the following letter sent to the Commander. We have received a letter of thanks from the Washington State Ferry System in addition to the Sheriff's. That will be quoted on the next page.

## San Juan County Sheriff's Department

P.O. Box 669 • Friday Harbor, Washington 98250

July 31, 1985

Fred Hoepfner, AP  
Commander  
Friday Harbor Power Squadron  
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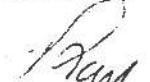
Dear Fred:

My compliments to you, the Squadron and to the individuals who comprised the "San Juan County Harbor Patrol" during the 6th Annual Jazz Festival.

The quietly efficient manner in which your group accomplished their mission impressed us all, dispatchers, deputies and Jazz Festival staff. For the first time in festival history, harbor congestion was not a problem to the Ferry system, the Festival organizers or the Sheriff's Department. The lack of problems is the best possible evidence of the effectiveness of the "Patrol".

Please convey to the participants our thanks for a job well done.

Sincerely,

  
R. K. Sheffer  
Sheriff

RKS:gs

The text of the letter from the Washington State Ferry System is quoted below:

"On behalf of the Washington State Ferries, I would like to express my thanks to you and your Friday Harbor Power Squadron for your assistance in keeping our vessel's slip open during this years Jazz Festival.

Your People did an excellent job."

O. D. Sissons  
Port Captain, WSF.

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Can't leave the rest of this page blank, so here's a bit of trivia - Editor.

#### EXPOSITION TICKETS-1986

The discounted price is \$26.75 (Canadian) for any three days, or \$81.00 pp for an unlimited number of days -"Seasons Pass". The Tickets are not transferable from one person to another. Seniors (65+) and children (6-12) are half fare. Children under 5 are admitted free. During the fair there will be no group price available and the regular price will be \$45.00 and \$160.00 respectively. One day tickets will be \$20.00.

At English Bay on July 25-26 there will be a Parade of Tall Ships. They leave on July 31st.

## **EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

... By Walt Earp AP

### A REPORT ON SAFE BOATING WEEK

Mr. Ray Kyser, U.S. Coast Guard, Aux, and his "GAL FRIDAY" came over from Anacortes in June to make Courtesy Examinations. Between Roche, Snug and Friday Harbors and Fish Creek some forty boats were examined. I am glad to report the majority passed however the most common and also most frustrating failure was the lack of Owner's Registration, which is supposed to be on board. Mr. Kyser's examination takes approximately  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour but far more that that can be consumed waiting for the Registration to be produced.

#### CHECK TO MAKE SURE YOURS IS ON BOARD

I would recommend to all to take advantage of the opportunity to have this examination done. It is worthwhile and errors or missing equipment may be easily overlooked and should be brought to your attention. Mr. Kyser is thorough and very knowledgeable and his advice valuable. There was some difficulty with the rules concerning which flares qualify for specific uses. We will publish material on this subject in the near future after we make sure everyone is in agreement.

ADMINISTRATIVE DEPT.

...By Lance Crosby AP

# Salmon BARBECUE

Our Opener for the Fall Season features a return of the Squadron's famous Salmon Barbeque. P/C Gordon Steele is hosting the event at his home with a starting time scheduled for 1:00 PM Saturday September 14th.

To defray the cost of the Salmon and Corn, or to "break-even", the tab will be \$3.00 pp. The telephone committee will be contacting you to come up with a "who's coming" figure and maybe asking for a bit of help with a salad or something. Please bring your own eating kit.

## CRUISING

We haven't had a Squadron Cruise/Rendezvous for quite a spell. To correct our deplorable record we have scheduled one for Prevost Harbor on the 21st & 22nd of September. Current plans include a Predicted Log Race after arrival at the Harbor, plus a number of other events which should keep everyone doing something. Plan to come and make this a big gathering of the clan.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

By Lee Campbell, P

We are proud to announce that:

Lance H. Crosby

Donald E. Madsen

Winston Sharp

have successfully completed

ADVANCED PILOTING

and

We are equally proud to announce that

Edward F Carlberg AP

Maurice S Edwards AP

David S Seaman N

Robert B Shaller AP

Frank A Woodward AP

have successfully completed

MARINE ELECTRONICS.

AND

DON'T FORGET TO SELL THE PUBLIC BOATING

COURSE

shore. After securing ORIENT VENTURE with lines to the beach so she wouldn't shift, Dutch with the help of a nearby resident placed shores so she would remain upright. Fortunately the dropping tide helped dewater and Dutch discovered that a rubber muffler had a blown hole in it which permitted the circulating seawater to be pumped directly into the hull. And, of course, as she settled, water came in through the exhaust outlet. After temporary repairs, ORIENT VENTURE was taken to Boat Harbor for refit. Certainly scary - but we're glad things worked out as well as possible.

#### LESSONS:

- a. A high bilge water alarm would have alerted Dutch earlier.
- b. Having a nearby vessel or an experienced person aboard take over the communication duty is a real help to the distressed skipper. The skipper is usually busy with problems that are not near the radio and/or stop other activities to talk on the radio.
- c. Securing the vessel in a grounding situation is critically important to prevent further damage. If perched on a pinnacle an unsecured vessel could slide off with changing wind and tide and sink before repairs could be effected.
- d. Do carry damage control equipment such as spare hose clamps, hoses, Marine-Tex, canvas, nails, plugs for thru-hull fittings and do pre-plan for the usual type of emergencies.
- e. Do have a semi-prepared emergency message form at your radio. Fill in BOAT NAME, BOAT DESCRIPTION INCLUDING PREDOMINATE COLOR, YOUR NAME. Blanks to be filled in at the time of emergency are: TYPE OF EMERGENCY, VIZ: MAYDAY OR PAN PAN, LOCATION, DESCRIPTION OF PROBLEM, NUMBER OF PERSONS ON BOARD, WHAT ASSISTANCE IS REQUIRED.

MEMBERSHIP - - - - - -By Frank Woodward AP

Mr. Carl Cain has been proposed for membership by Walt Earp AP. Persons desiring to comment on this proposal should contact Frank Woodward AP 378-2302 within the next 15 days.

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#### LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS

ROSARIO STRAIT - Lights - Characteristic changes.

Davidson Rock Light 1 Flash characteristic has been changed to show a Flashing Green Light every 4 seconds. (F1 G 4s)

Charts 18421, 18429, 18423 (A&D), 18400, 18430 & 18465

Lopez Pass Light 2 Flash characteristic has been changed to show a Flashing Red light every 4 seconds (F1 R 4s)

Charts 18430, 18423 (A&C), 18421 & 18400

Belle Rock Light 7 has been renamed Bell rock Sector Light and daymark has been changed to display a diamond-shaped special purpose daymark divided into four diamond-shaped colored sectors with the sectors at the side corners white and the sectors at the top and bottom corners black.

Charts 18421, 18429, 18423 (A&D), 18400, 18430  
18465

The Rosario Strait Lighted Bell Bouy 16 is missing. Make a note on Chart 18421.

SAN JUAN CHANNEL - Lights - Characteristic changes.

Flat Point Light flash characteristic has been changed to show a Flashing Red light every 2.5 seconds (Fl R 2.5s) and the daymark has been changed to display a triangular-shaped red daymark with a red reflective border.

Charts 18421, 18434, 18400 & 18423 (D)

Wasp Passage Light C has been renamed Wasp Passage Light 5, Flash characteristic has been changed to show a Flashing Green Light every 4 seconds (Fl G 4s) and daymark has been changed to display a square-shaped green daymark with a green reflective border.

Charts 18421, 18434, 18400 & 18423 (D).

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION VHF-FM Channel 16 rule change

At the Coast Guard's urging, FCC rule change now prohibits ship radio calls to the Coast Guard on Channel 16 for routine radio checks. Radio tests may still be conducted in other ways such as calling another ship, marina, yacht club etc. To avoid harmful interference, tests may not exceed ten seconds and if on Channel 16 must be separated by at least 5 minutes.

## Editor's Corner .....

... By Fred Popham



If you have managed to read this far you should be both tired and commended. In light of the length of this Harbor Light I am going to put aside my stack of priceless articles (and hope Carey doesn't toss them out) and cut my corner short. HOWEVER, while it is true I have a lot of stuffing material, I would much rather use the material you send in. It is of interest to our members when you come across a product which provides you with better than the usual results. Share the knowledge with us, we may be searching for that very item. Tell us about the new marinas you find and tip us off to the good and bad ones.

After Commander Fred's article on Dutch Graef's misfortune, can I get a few ideas on good bilge alarms? AS the chap says on TV...!"I'm waiting".



In Remembrance  
of our friend  
Edwin D. Hillyard P  
May the gentle wind always be  
favorable  
and  
Virginia, to you  
our love and sympathy

1978-1979

