

*APRIL 1986*

# HARBOR LIGHTS



FRIDAY HARBOR POWER SQUADRON

A UNIT OF UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS

FRIDAY HARBOR, WASHINGTON

# GOOD-BYE!

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\* CALENDAR \*

**TUESDAY**

EXECUTIVE MEETING  
HECTOR'S - NOON

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**FRIDAY**

CHANGE OF WATCH  
Roche Harbor - 6:30 PM

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*Commander's Message*

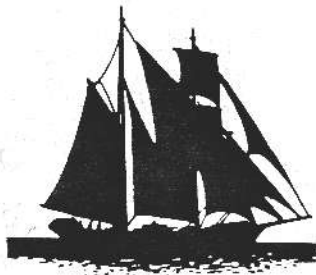
By Comdr. Fred Hoepfner, AP

By the time you read this issue of Harbor Lights my term as your Commander will be almost over. I've enjoyed this tour of duty, and hopefully the Squadron is a bit better after my year in office. Each succeeding Commander sails a slightly different course to the objective of making the Squadron stronger and better. I think this will continue with the incoming new bridge officers you have just elected. They are experienced Squadron members, most of whom have had previous bridge positions, and I feel confident that the Squadron will make great progress under their direction. My deepest thanks and appreciation go to the Bridge Officers and Executive Board Members who have so ably provided guidance and supported my efforts. And to the membership as a whole, who are really the ruling body of the Squadron, my heartfelt thanks for your confidence and willingness to serve when asked.

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I'm pleased to announce that the Chief Commander has awarded 1985 Merit Marks to:

Cy Finley  
Ed Hillyard  
Ken Tyler



## Change Of Watch



APRIL 4th

*Place: ROCHE HARBOR*

*Time: 6:30 PM*

*Price: \$15.00 each with reservations  
\$16.00 at the door*

*(Checks to be made payable to  
Friday Harbor Power Squadron and  
sent to Robert Blanchard, Treasurer,  
4409 Bower Lane, F.H.)*

*Dress: "A" with long tie, Blazer or Jacket.  
Appropriate attire for Ladies.*

*Free moorage will be provided by Roche  
Harbor, April 4th.*

*The menu will include a Seafood buffet and  
a Round of Beef.*

*No host cocktails at 6:30 PM*

*Dinner at 7:30 PM.*

# Secretary

By Fred Popham AP.

## SYNOPSIS OF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MARCH 4th

Called to Order by Comdr Hoepfner, Eight members present.

### Reports:

Adm. Off. Meeting for March will be held in American Legion Hall at 7 PM.  
Lt Rose, Canadian Maritime Service will discuss "Whiskey Golf"

Sec/Ed: Harbor Lights deadline March 12th  
Provide specifics on Change of Watch.

Comdr: Appointed Flag Lt. Hudson to work on specifics for Change of Watch

Announced that the Spring Conference (District 16) will be held March 22/23 at Bellingham.

Secretary is to write National concerning Honorary Member material.

Announced that National has approved our Bylaws.

Nancy & Jerry Swartz and John Underwood were approved as new members.

### New Business:

Squadron Cruise to Prevost scheduled for 14/15 June. Predicted Log Race (training session to be held), Dingy Race and Campfire with Tall Tales on agenda.

### Executive Board Meeting Continued:

### New Business:

Safe Boating Week is coming up in June. Chairman is required for this event.

Skipper Saver Course is on the horizon, Madsen & Hillyard plus Cattle Point Crew is to set up.

### Meeting Adjourned:

Fred Popham, Secretary.

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### "WHY KNOT?"

The log is a device for measuring a ship's speed through the water. An early log, said to have been invented about 1620, consisted of a float or chip designed to assist towing, but so fitted that it could be tripped for recovery, a sand glass and a line mark, with a knot at intervals. The float was thrown overboard and allowed to fall astern until the first mark on the line was reached, at which time the sand glass was inverted. The number of knot marks to pass over the stern were counted until the sand ran out. Based on a nautical mile, the knots in the line were usually  $47\frac{1}{2}$  feet apart and the time interval 28 seconds, hence the number of knots that passed over the stern represented the speed of the ship in nautical miles per hour. The length of the line between the knots bore the same proportion to the nautical mile as the time interval to the seconds in one hour. The word 'knot' used to denote the ship's speed in nautical miles per hour originated from the use of this early log.

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**ADMINISTRATIVE DEPT.**

...By Lance Crosby

NOW WE KNOW --

--what the restricted areas "Whiskey Golf" north of Nanaimo are all about ! Having been chased out by a helicopter (in pretty rough water, too) I was aware that it was a torpedo test range, but I didn't know that they operate from 0700 to 1730 Mon-Sat (Sundays off) or that the range was set up to evaluate many other things besides torpedos.

With a nice set of slides, Lt Bill Rose, Asst. Range Commanding Officer, CF Maritime Experimental and Test Range (operated jointly with US personnel from Keyport), gave us an excellent rundown. If you missed the meeting, ask a member to show you a copy of the handout.

I don't intend to violate the area again without first checking with Comox Coast Guard Radio or Winchelsea Island Control on Channel 16.....or taking a whale along ! The range shuts down for whales !

COMING UP --

The April Change of Watch is well covered elsewhere.

May will see our Season Closer-- currently scheduled for Saturday the 10th at the Cape San Juan picnic and barbeque area. The Fire Hall will oblige in the event of rain. More details later.

COME BY LAND OR BY SEA !!!!!!!

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JUNE 14th & 15th

SQUADRON CRUISE

&

RENDEZVOUS



ARMCHAIR SAILOR REPORTS ON  
LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS

Notice 50, 1985

Fisherman Bay Entrance Light 2 (LL No 2591) has been renamed Fisherman Bay Sector Light LL No 2591, and the 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 (NB).

Charts 18423(D) SC, 18434, 18430, 18429.

Kellet Bluff Light (LL No 2611) 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 top and bottom corners black (NB).

Charts 18423 (D) SC, 18433, 18421, 18400.

Listed below are VHF-FM weather channels.

|             |                 |               |
|-------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Channel WX1 | Receive 162.550 | Cont. Seattle |
| Channel WX2 | Receive 162.400 | " Victoria    |
| Channel WX3 | Receive 162.475 | " Olympia     |

CHANNEL CROSSERS ONLY

HARWICH - HOLLAND: Wind moderate to fresh, SW, Fair becoming rain, mist patches. Visibility moderate. Sea slight.

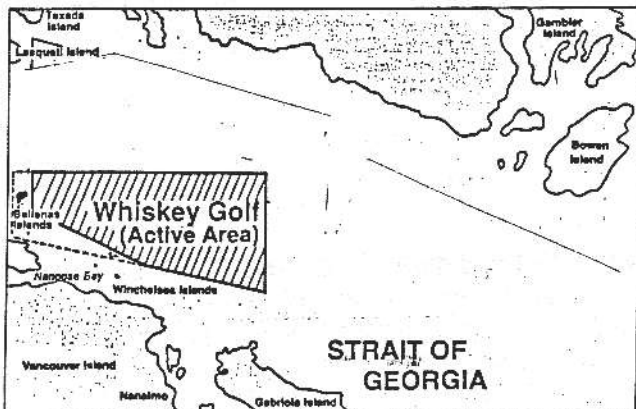
DOVER STRAITS: Wind moderate or fresh, SW Fair, with mist or fog patches. Visibility moderate or poor. Sea slight.

WEST CHANNEL: Wind moderate to fresh. SW Mist or fog. Visibility moderate or poor. Sea moderate.

# KEEPING AFL O A T

The CANADIAN FORCES MARITIME EXPERIMENTAL AND TEST RANGES, situated in Georgia Strait, tests ships systems and torpedoes. This area is at times very hazardous to the boating public due to the possibility of being struck by a torpedo on its way to the surface.

The area is clearly marked on the charts and is called Area WG. Mariners are requested to remain well clear of Area WG during operating hours, which are normally Monday through Saturday from 0700 to 1730.



To skirt Whiskey Golf when the area is active, follow the 1000-yd wide channel north of the Winchelseas, east of Ballenas. To transit the area, call Winchelsea Control on Channel 16. Permission will be granted if there is no testing underway. Whiskey Echo and Whiskey Foxtrot are lesser-used areas and create fewer problems for yachtsmen.

