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1993

HARBOR LIGHTS

CHANGE OF WATCH — 4 APRIL



FRIDAY HARBOR POWER SQUADRON

A UNIT OF UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS

FRIDAY HARBOR, WASHINGTON

1992 - 1993

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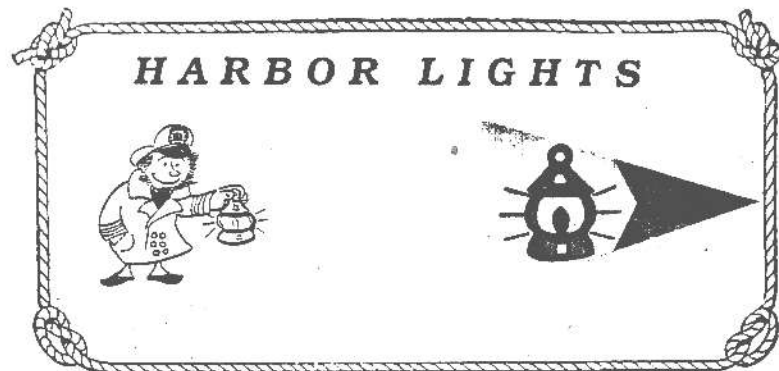
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COMING EVENTS

- 30 Mar. **EXECUTIVE MEETING** - GRANGE HALL - 1200
 "Brown Bag Lunch" All members invited to attend.
- 2 Apr. **CHANGE OF WATCH - ISLANDS WEST**
 Happy Hour: 1800 Dinner: 1900
- 6 Apr **Public Boating Course** - 1900
 Grange Hall - Examination and party -
 Help needed- Phone Lee Campbell @ 378-5237
- 6 Apr **Piloting Class** starts- Skagit Valley College
 1600 (4 PM) Contact Frank Woodward after 2 APRIL
 AT 378-2302
- 9-11 Jul **International Rendezvous-** Lopez Island
 Islander Lopez

Next Deadline for Harbor Lights articles is 15 April.

COMMANDERS MESSAGE

This is my last report for the 92/93 watch. I am most appreciative of the cooperation and assistance of all the members for the past year. Thank you all. I won't try to name you, as I am sure to miss somebody. During my convalescence the other Bridge Officers stepped in and effectively kept the wheels turning.

The Change of Watch will definitely be held at Islands West as planned. Members from other squadrons will be attending, and are looking forward to our popular Change of Watch. I hope to see you all, April 2nd.

The National Committee on Rules notified us that our Bylaws, adopted last November, have been accepted and approved as of 15 February 1993.

It appears that the members of Friday Harbor Power Squadron have not made any guffaws, Boo Boos or become victims of errant lines, etc. during the past year. Not one member has been nominated to receive either of our special awards, the Bent Anchor or the Broken Oar Awards, so I hereby appoint P/C Fred Hoepfner, AP, and P/C Frank Hudson, JN, caretakers of these awards for the 93/94 watch.

Attention all 92/93 Bridge Officers and chairmen. Send me any information on members who have assisted with any of our activities 1 January 1993 through 1 April 1993. This information must be recorded for the 1993 Merit Mark program. The information needed: Name and date of the activity, hours spent and duties performed by each member.

National Safe Boating Week, 6 - 12 June 1993. Mark your calendars. We will have a public service activity this



Cdr Myrle L. Garlick, P

CHANGE OF WATCH

2 April 1993

ISLAND'S WEST RESTAURANT

No Host Happy Hour: 1800

Buffet Dinner: 1900

Dinner Cost: \$17.00 per person

Prepaid Reservations only. They must be received by 24 March. Call Myrle today and send your check so you won't miss this event!

Uniform: "A" with long black tie, or Mufti : civilian clothes when others are wearing uniform.)

Dress not as important as is your presence!

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Complete and Return to Myrle Garlick
P. O. Box 75
Friday Harbor, WA 98250

Make checks Payable to: Friday Harbor Power Squadron

Name: _____ Number of people: _____

Address: _____ Amt. Enclosed \$ _____

Town: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone Number: _____

TREASURER'S REPORT

Bank Checking account as of 1/31/932 \$5,766.90

Receipts:
 Education 174.00
 Interest (Bank) 9.02
 \$183.02

Expenditures:
 Badges \$11.63
 Harbor Lights 74.45
 Meeting Expenses 24.74
 Publicity-PBCourse 95.30
 USPS- New Member dues 99.00
 -Materials-exams 66.00
 \$395.02

Bank Checking Account as of 02/28/93 \$5,554.90

Lt/C Ken Campbell, AP
 Treasurer

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SPRING 1993 PUBLIC BOATING COURSE

The following is a list of the students in the Public Boating Course being held at the Friday Harbor High School Library each Tuesday night at 1900. If you feel pro or con about any of these people, please contact Don Kauffman, AP at 378-4771 with your comments.

Rhodona Bucy
 Edward W. Chain
 Wayne G. Chain
 Lois M. Cunniff
 Judy Kennedy
 Mona J. Meecker
 Megan E. Pender
 David W. Tapley
 Antol Tony Vita

Rodger M. Carlson
 Sharon L. Chain
 Herb J. Cunniff
 Tim J. Guernsey
 Steve Kennedy
 Andrew G. Pender
 Matt W. Shildneck
 Bernice Jean Taylor

P/C Lee Campbell, AP
 Chairman Boating Course

FROM YOUR SEO

You probably all know it already, but just in case -- Cdr Myrle Garlick, P, is home and recovering nicely from her surgery. It's amazing how many things she thought to do or to arrange to get done before going into the hospital. We thank you for your prodigious efforts, Myrle, and wish you continued speedy recovery. And we thank all those who filled in, too.

Those of you who make the last meeting missed a truly good one! Arne Bentzen made an excellent presentation on the techniques and responsibilities of a marine Surveyor. He made a good point that when you get a survey of a boat you would like to buy, the surveyor is the only one in on the deal who speaks strictly for the buyer. Sellers and brokers have other agenda. The surveyor is also on the watch for compliance with all the latest laws, some of which you know nothing about. Arne displayed his books, tools and equipment and described their uses.

The Boating class exam is to be held 6 April at the Grange. Coffee and cookie makers, as well as graders will be needed that night. Let P/C Lee Campbell, AP, know you can help.

Piloting class starts 6 April, 1600 at Skagit Valley College. Contact P/C Frank Woodward, N, after 2 April at 378-2302 to join in.

Members of the FHPS were invited to join with Pole Pass Squadron in Operations Training course. Jim Blaisdell, P, our incoming Administrative officer, joined in. It was a great way to meet and get to know members of that group, and at the same time learn a good deal about the USPS, its organization, its history and its governance. The course was conducted by D/Lt Daryl Annette Swan, P, of the Olylmpia Squadron. Taking this course is now a requirement before serving as Commander of any Squadron. We thank D/Lt Swan for her effort and Pole Pass for including FHPS.

By the time you read this the D/16 Spring Conference will be over. I wish we could persuade more of you to attend District meetings. Getting to know so many from other squadrons, and especially the fine, hard-working men and women on the D/16 Bridge, has been a real pleasure for me. The next change you have is the District Rendezvous in Poulsbo, 26-27 June. Start making your plans now.

P/C Shirley A. Holmgreen, N
 Squadron Education Officer

SAFETY IS – AS SAFETY DOES

For environment reasons, polypropylene glycol, which is nontoxic, is replacing ethylene glycol (the antifreeze used in most car, truck and marine cooling systems). While polypropylene glycol will provide adequate freezing protection, there is a possibility that it will cause neoprene water pump impellers to swell or soften. It may be well to replace neoprene impellers with nitrite impellers, which are somewhat less durable, but are less likely to be damaged by antifreeze solutions.

An observation.

Several weeks ago I grounded near the entrance marker for Fisherman Bay because I swung too close to the shore (the deepest part of the channel here is within 100 feet of the marker). I was in no danger; the tide was rising. Another sailboat with a draft slightly greater than mine was approaching the same area, so I spoke to her on VHF advising her my situation and recommending that she pass closer to the marker. Several members of our group heard my VHF exchange and came out in a whaler to see if they could be of assistance. I said "No, but thanks, I'll just sit here and read a magazine until the tide lifts me off." What was interesting was that four or five boats wearing the same burgee as mine passed within a 100 feet of me during the next hour without the slightest sign of recognition, hail or query as to what I was doing just sitting there. Had I been hailed, my ready reply was going to be, "Oh, I'm just reviewing the fleet." To me, it appeared that these passing vessels were afraid that they could become involved if they saw me. Sort of like passing up a stranded motorist alongside the road.

There seems to be mounting evidence that stainless steel in salt water contact with zinc will cause galvanic action. It is therefore recommended that a stainless shackle not be used to connect the galvanized chain rode to the galvanized anchor. Use instead a galvanized shackle at least one size larger than the chain. Note: it is usually necessary to use two shackles coupled together due to the limiting clearance within the chain link and sometimes the hole size in the anchor shaft.

P/C Fred Hoepfner, AP
Safety Officer



LORAN-C

For all you squadron members who have a Loran-C or are anticipating purchasing one, the USPS National office has now published a new supplementary course titled Loran-C that can be ordered through your SEO for \$6.50 a copy. This is a home study course with questions and answers.

This course contains 7 sections and 4 appendices and is filled with information on how Loran-C operates, how to plot, utilizing the TD's and Lat/Long, and what to look for in purchasing a set. There is a discussion on the displays and features available (displays, alarms, and data.) There is a complete discussion on inaccuracies that occur in radio transmissions. Cures for many of these are discussed so you have a good idea of what is transpiring and how the computer in the Loran-C handles many of these inaccuracies.

There is a discussion in the **Advanced Piloting** course that gives you the basics of Loran-C. This course makes an excellent adjunct to or follow-up for the AP course. It gives a more through explanation and an in-depth understanding of Loran-C.

For persons considering the purchase of Loran-C, this short course will give you information on how cost relates to what you get for your buck. As a general rule, the higher the price, the more features you get.

I recommend this course for anyone currently using a Loran-C or considering purchase. You will understand what Loran-C is all about and how the receivers (computers) handle the information and present it to you.

Call your SEO (Shirley Holmgreen) today and order a copy.

Jim Mitchell, AP

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EDITORS CORNER

The winter weather has lifted and I hear that several of you are getting your boats out and about. Please keep us in mind if you encounter any adventures you wish to share so others can learn. I would like solutions to problems you encounter. We all learn from others' encounters. I need your articles. It's your magazine!

LEGISLATIVE LORE

YOU'VE HAD IT IF BLOOD-ALCOHOL IS .08 OR MORE SHOULD Senate bill 5340 become law. (present is .10) Penalties and fines would be increased. While primarily an auto driver act, its adoption would set a new standard for all machinery operators including boaters.

STATE PARKS BOATING DECRIMINALIZATION BILL IN HOUSE BILL 1318 should you wish to follow its progress through the Legislature. A similar bill is before the Senate.

BED AND BREAKFAST WILL COST YOU \$50 DAILY WHEN YOU commit a misdemeanor and go to jail should Senate Bill 5452 become law. Broke? Sleep and eat free, like now!

COAST GUARD ORDERS EMERGENCY OPERATION OF DRAWBRIDGES regardless of operating schedule of drawbridge when "vessels seek shelter from severe weather" and "vessels in distress where a delay would endanger life or property.

WATCH OUT! 1993 "JET SKIS" WILL EXCEED 40 MPH THE previously industry-set limit. Counties may limit speeds; some already do.

WANT A RAZOR CLAM HATCHERY? HOUSE BILL 1040 WOULD HAVE State Department of Fisheries build one.

1993 "WASHINGTON STATE BOATER'S GUIDE" IS FREE. MOST marine supply stores have them. If yours doesn't, phone State Parks Boating Safety Program for a copy. (1-206-586-2166.)

BUOYS WITH BLACK AND YELLOW VERTICAL STRIPES ARE BEING tested to improve daytime visibility of Puget Sound traffic separation aids. New paint jobs in 6 locations: PA, R, S, SC, SD and SE. Comments are requested by the Coast Guard prior to 31 March 1993.

P/Stf/C Ray Harting, JN
Legislative Officer, D/16

Back to School

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING

2 March 1993

Call to order: Lt/C Bill LaPorte, S, called the meeting to order at 1200. Present: Lt/C Ken Campbell, AP, Lt Jim Mitchell, AP, P/C Shirley Holmgreen, N, Jim Blaisdell, P, and P/C Frank Woodward, N.

Minutes: Minutes of the February 1993 meeting were approved as published in *Harbor Lights*.

Treasurer: Lt/C Ken Campbell, AP, submitted a written report published elsewhere in this issue of *Harbor Lights*

SEO Report: P/C Shirley Holmgreen showed the board copies of *Sound Watch* published by 48 NORTH and also a guide to pump out stations put out by the state. Both publications are free and we will obtain some for the squadron and Public Boating Course. Holmgreen also called our attention to the Spring Council Meeting and Educational Seminar in October. Spring Conference will be 18-20 March and will be attended by P/C Frank Woodward, N, Marlene Woodward and P/C Shirley Holmgreen N.

Our new Squadron Bylaws were accepted on 15 February 1993 by National.

New Business: The squadron needs a new historian for the year 1993-1994. The Public Boating course is under way with 17 students registered. Three took the Seamanship exam. National is doing away with its constitution as the bylaws suffice. National has a new and shorter Pledge.

Change of Watch 2 April, the deposit for the restaurant is due 15 March.

International Pig Roast will be held at Islander Lopez.

National Safe Boating Week is 6-12 June. We need volunteers to help during this time.

Adjournment: 1300.

Jean E. Mitchell, P
Assistant Secretary

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