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HARBOR LIGHTS

CHANGE OF WATCH — 8 APRIL



FRIDAY HARBOR POWER SQUADRON

A UNIT OF UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS

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1993 - 1994

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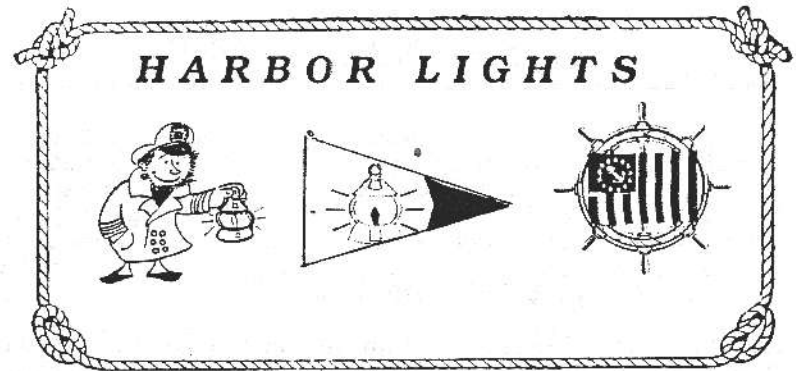
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COMING EVENTS

- 5 Apr. **EXECUTIVE MEETING** - GRANGE HALL - 1200
"Brown Bag Lunch" All members invited to attend.
- 8 Apr. **CHANGE OF WATCH**
1730- No host bar 1830 Dinner
Spring Harbor Restaurant
- 2 May **EXECUTIVE MEETING** - GRANGE HALL - 1200
- 12 May **POTLUCK PICNIC** - 4TH OF JULY BEACH
- 18-22 May **USPS Spring Governing Board** - St. Louis, Mo

Harbor Lights deadline for articles is 15 April

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

The 1993-1994 watch is winding down and the 1994-1995 watch will be sworn in on April 8, 1994, so out with the old and in with the new. This is the last message for the 1993-94 watch. The tradition in the past has been that the outgoing Commander gives a final speech at the Change of Watch, but I do not like speeches, so the following will be my swan song.

At this time I wish to express my thanks to all Officers, Chairmen, Committee people and the members of the Squadron for your support and cooperation in the past four years.

Many tasks have been undertaken and successfully completed. The new required "Member Involvement and Retention Committee" has been formed. Our Law Officer updated the bylaws and they have been approved by National. The member acquisition procedures have been streamlined, so we can bring the new members on board faster.

Here are some of the accomplishments for the past year. The Squadron received the award for 100% participation in the Educational Fund. This is the 10th year we have received this award. P/C Lance Crosby, N, is District 16's recipient of the Charles Chapman Award. Seven members have received the "Educational Proficiency Award." The Harbor Lights has received the 1993 Award for "Journalistic Excellence."

In the March issue of *The Ensign* (see page 3), for the message by V/C Carl Mahnken, N, NEO. Our Squadron has been involved and undertaken all the procedures recommended for acquisition and retention of members as outlined in his article. If you haven't read this message, please look it up in *The Ensign*.

When the Nominating Committee approached me about the nomination for the Administrative Officer, I was a very new member and reluctant to accept and said "No." The Committee was very persistent and persuasive so I capitulated. The past four years have been very interesting but at times frustrating. We have made many friends within our Squadron, other squadrons, District 16 and Canadian Squadrons.

District 16's council meetings and conferences have been educational and a lot of fun and well worth the investment of time. The Canadian Districts' Change of Watches are less formal and it does help if you are familiar with their sense of humor.

Upcoming District and National Events involving FHPS in 1994 and 1995:

- (1) Fall Council Meeting, 17 September 1994 will be held at the Inn at Friday Harbor Suites. The committee has been formed and is working on this event and has everything under control.
- (2) National Governing Board, 6-10 September 1995 will be held at Seattle. Friday Harbor Squadron has been chosen to host a pig roast at the Islander Lopez, during the week following the Governing Board Session. A Chairman and committee need to be formed now and start planning this event. P/C Lew Garlick, AP, and myself have been appointed to another committee.

Now we have a problem in our family as there is no protocol for flying two P/C's flags on one family vessel. This is the first time this has occurred in the Squadron, so there is no precedent. How do we know whose flag is up? Does the rule of "Ladies First" apply here?

Lew and I are leaving for the Kona Coast shortly after our Change of Watch. If anybody wants to find us, look for a couple of beachcombers on the Big Island of Hawaii.

Aloha!

Myrle L. Garlick, P
Commander

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Several members at the March meeting requested information on the gas sniffer law which was to go into effect this summer. Below is the answer taken from the March 1994 *Legislative Lore* section of *Harbor Lights*.

SENATE BILL 6530 MODIFIES 1993 PROPANE LAW WHICH WOULD have mandated a gas sniffer effective 1 September 1994 for all propane users. Instead a state-wide recreational boating fire prevention educational program will be instituted.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

In spite of the weather on 20 February we had three participants in the Seventh Annual Predicted Log Race.

The race was won by Micki Andrews and Jack Hanson, P, on the Mecjac. Second place was won by P/C Fred Hoepfner, AP, on Marriana and Steve Billmyer, P, took third place on Bug Runner.

Even though participation was low the enthusiasm by those that took part was great.

I am glad to report that P/C Lance Crosby, N, went to Lopez Island on 11 February and gave a presentation on Predicted Log Racing to the Lopez Island Yacht Club. Hopefully they will have some of their members join us next year.

As the Change of Watch approaches, I am reminded of the dedication and selfless service that have been the hallmark of our outgoing Commander. We of the Friday Harbor Power Squadron have been extremely fortunate to have had the leadership of Myrle Garlick, P, for the last two years.

I can not think of a better reason to attend the Change of Watch on 8 April than to thank our Commander and all those who worked to further the efforts of our squadron. They have earned nothing less.

Looking forward on our calendar, Safe Boating Week starts in June and the Public Boating Course is underway. Volunteers are required for both so be in touch and contribute your time and talent.

Lt/C William J. LaPorte, S

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INTERNATIONAL RENDEZVOUS & PIG ROAST IS ON!

The Pig Roast and International Rendezvous will be the weekend of 22, 23 and 24 of July at Otter Bay. Otter Bay is located on the northwest side of North Pender Island. It is the bay around the bend by the new B.C. Ferry dock. 30 slips are reserved. Cost \$.50 per foot.

FROM YOUR SEO

Congratulations to Lawrence Dunlap^o and Richard Baker! They are both now privileged to carry AP after their names. They both passed the Advanced Piloting exam after taking P/C Lew Garlick's class. Two others will take the exam later. Way to go, guys, as we say in the vernacular.

Piloting taught by incoming SEO P/C Frank Woodward, N, and Seamanship, taught by Richard Baker, AP, will be starting after the Spring Boating Class is concluded. Those of you who are interested in either of these classes should call Frank at 378-2302 and Richard at 378-3447. He needs checkers, interviewers, cookie bakers, coffee makers and socializers. Come and meet new boaters and possible new members.

We have a deal for you! The Educational Fund, to which we all donate every year, has established a grant to provide a USPS Educational Incentive Program. The idea is to reward you for passing certain Advanced Grades and encourage you to take others. If you pass Seamanship, Piloting, or Advanced Piloting after March 1, 1994, you will be given vouchers applicable to costs of additional courses as shown below.

COURSES PASSED	VOUCHER VALUE	VOUCHER REDEEMABLE FOR
Seamanship or Piloting as first AG Course	\$4.00	Piloting or Seamanship as second AG course
Piloting or Seamanship as second AG course	\$5.00	Advanced Piloting
Advanced Piloting	\$6.00	Any Advanced or Elective Course

These vouchers will be valid for two years from the award date. Expiration date will be shown on the voucher. I hope this is just what some of you have been waiting for. So call Frank or Richard right away.

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

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING

1 March 1994

Call to order: Cdr Myrle Garlick, P, called the meeting to order at 1200 at the Grange. Present: Lt/C Peter Dammann, AP, P/C Lew Garlick, AP, Lt/C Bill LaPorte, S, Don Madsen, AP, Lt Ron Einboden, AP, Lt/C Ann Einboden, AP, Don Kauffman, AP and P/C Brian Calvert, S.

Minutes: Minutes of the last Executive Committee meeting were approved as published in *Harbor Lights*.

Treasurer's Report: Lt/C Ann Einboden, AP, gave the Treasurer's report. This report is published elsewhere in *Harbor Lights*.

Executive Report: Lt/C Bill LaPorte, S, reported that 3 boats successfully completed the Predicted Log Race despite the inclement weather. Congratulations to Jack Hanson, Fred Hoepfner, AP, and Steve Billmyer, P, who finished first, second and third, respectively.

Commander's Report: The Public Boating Course commenced 15 March 1994. Richard Baker, AP, is planning a Seamanship course to start shortly after the boating course. A proposed budget for the D/16, Fall Council meeting, prepared by P/C Lew Garlick, AP, was presented. P/C Brian Calvert, S, moved, seconded by Lt/C Bill LaPorte, S, that the budget be approved. The motion passed unanimously. We still have not heard from the Brentwood Bay PS concerning dates for this year's Pig Roast. A request by the Commander for authority to spend \$25 to \$30 for a centerpiece for the head table at the Change of Watch, was moved by P/C Brian Calvert, S, seconded by Lt/C Bill LaPorte, S, and passed unanimously. Congratulations to two new AP's: Richard Baker, AP and Larry Dunlap, AP. P/C Brian Calvert moved seconded by Lt/C Bill LaPorte, S, that P/C Lew Garlick, AP and P/C Frank Woodward, N, be designated our delegates to the District 16 Spring Conference and that Lt/C Bill LaPorte, S, be designated as an alternate. Motion passed unanimously.

Administrative Report: Lt/C James Blaisdell, P, reported that Henry Wutzl will be speaking at the next meeting.

Miscellaneous: Lt/C Peter Dammann, AP, incoming chairman for boating activities, will investigate possibilities for new types of boating activities, possibly involving joint activities with other squadrons.

Adjournment: 1240

Lt Ronald J. Einboden, AP
Acting Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT

BANK ACCOUNT AS OF 2 February 1994		\$5,370.78
INCOME		
Dues	58.00	
Sales -		
VIDEO	25.30	
Interest	6.32	\$89.82
EXPENSES		
Education Materials	39.25	
USPS dues to National	77.00	
Activities & Meetings		
Valentines Potluck	21.31	\$137.56
Net Gain or Loss	-47.74	

BANK BALANCE AS OF 1 March 1994 \$5,323.04

Lt/C Ann E. Einboden, AP
Treasurer

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ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Some of you folks who boat to LaConner now and then might find interest in the following information printed in 8 March 94 *Local Notice to Mariners*.

Swinomish Channel Bridge Information. The Burlington Northern Railroad Bridge near the north end of the channel need not open for passage of vessels unless 30 minutes notice is given from 0800 to 1600 Monday through Friday from 14 March until 11 April 1994, while repairs are being made to the rail line. Bridge tender may be called on VHF channels 13 or 16. Charts -18421, 18423 and 18427.

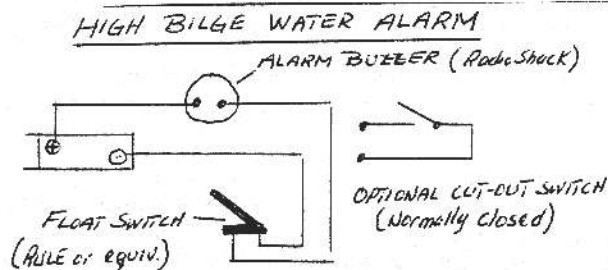
10 March was "Wutzl night" at the regular monthly meeting. A large audience showed up to hear Hank talk about the US Coast Guard and its history. This was followed by an interesting film about Hypothermia. Thanks, Hank for the lively program.

Your 1993-94 Administrative Officer is about to relinquish his position to Don Madsen, AP. Its going to be great sport to sit aside and just enjoy the gatherings! To all of you who have been so much help to me, I say many thanks!

Lt/C James A. Blaisdell, P

SAFETY IS A SAFETY DOES

What would happen if your boat started to take water while you were absent or otherwise engaged? This happened to a friend while he was cruising near Dodds Narrows in the northern Gulf Islands. His wife noticed water on the cabin sole and called him from the open bridge. Water was coming in so fast all he could do was to head for shore and beach the boat. Subsequent inspection disclosed that a burst hose was dumping all the salt cooling water into the bilge. Here is a do-it-yourself solution for under \$25. The buzzer should be loud enough to be heard above engine noise or from dockside. The optional cut-out switch makes it possible to silence the alarm buzzer once the problem is recognized. Mount the float switch centerline and about 6 inches higher than the installed automatic bilge pump.



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I want to thank all the present officers and members who have contributed articles to *Harbor Lights* during the past year. It has made my job a lot easier not have to follow people to get their article. **THANKS LOADS!**

Now, for all you incoming officers, please remember it is one of your functions to contribute articles monthly on what is happening in your area of expertise so we can keep the membership informed. **THANK YOU IN ADVANCE!**

New subject. I am looking for a good member to take over part of the publishing of *Harbor Lights*. I will continue to do all the editing, entirely prepare the paper for printing, and furnish labels etc. This person will make copies of the cover and pages, collate, stick on address labels, stamps and mail. Time required about 4 hours per month for 9 months of the year. Reward! self satisfaction, a Merit Mark and my thanks.

P.S. This is not a job for just anyone. If there is any question in your mind that you can't devote this much time then volunteer for some other job in the Squadron which requires less time. There are plenty of jobs available.

Jim Mitchell