

# November 2004

Volume 20  
Issue 14

# HARBOR LIGHTS

A monthly report for the members of the United States Power Squadron



## P1 COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



## P2 EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT SEO REPORT

FHPS MEMBERS' SPOTLIGHT  
THE HUDSON'S

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

NOMINATING COMMITTEE  
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR  
2005 - 2006

BILGE OF SEAFARING LORE



## P3 HEARTY HEROS PRESENT VICARIOUS VOYAGE

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS  
JOHN & MARY KALBERT  
JOHN & SHARON TOWSON



## P4 P/C VIRG BOYT VESSEL EXAMINER

MONTHLY POTLUCK MTG  
04-NOV PHOTOS

RUM CAKE RECIPE

SUSAN LEY VSC CHECK



## P5 WILLIAM DAMPIER, A STUDY IN CONTRASTS

VIEW FROM CROW'S NEST  
DECEMBER'S MEETING

INSERT:

CHRISTMAS DINNER FLYER

## Commander's Message

Cdr. Travis Smith, AP

For all the squadron members who attended this month's meeting at the Grange Hall we had a special treat hearing two of our own members, Fred and Carolyn Bowen tell about their summer cruise in Alaska. Fred and Carolyn (I'm told Carolyn did most of the work) put together a first class PowerPoint presentation of their trip from Elfin Cove to Prince Williams Sound. With Fred & Carolyn holding the attentive audience on the edge of their chairs with first hand experiences of 60 knot winds (while on the hook thank goodness) and tidal waves which decimated complete communities (happen in 1964), we all had the opportunity to share some of their memories of the trip. The photos of Prince Williams Sound were absolutely breathtaking along with what has to be the classic..... *are you ready for this?* Fred drinking his 18 years old single malt Scotch with 1000 year old glacier ice chunks! Great picture Carolyn. Please read our XO, Sammy Long's article on their presentation included in the newsletter.

November's potluck meeting was well attended with forty-seven members and their guests. I was informed by our Membership Chair, Frank Penwell that we have four confirmed new members, one reinstatement, and possibly four others who are "working" on their applications. It's exciting having new members join the squadron who bring fresh ideas along with their enthusiasm and involve themselves in squadron activities. Involvement is a good lead-in for a topic that is key to having and maintaining a healthy squadron.

If you really want to have fun and enjoy meeting new people, expand your knowledge and just feel good about yourself, get involved with USPS and squadron activities. Become a Vessel Safety Examiner (quit letting Virgil have all the fun), teach or proctor a boating class, take some more courses, participate in boat shows, volunteer for a squadron officer position, *but most importantly, meet and influence potential members....spread the word about our mission.* We are in the business of educating boaters to make their on the water experiences safe and more fun.

The squadron is looking for a couple of additional volunteers to fill nominations

for Assistant Secretary and member of the Nominating Committee. Joyce Ragsdale volunteered for the Assistant Treasurer, Fred Hoepfner stepped up to fill the open position on our Executive Committee. In addition, we have three lovely ladies who requested to help out on the Phone Committee, Peg Hoepfner, Denece Kost, and Jackie Scherer (we can use one more volunteer on the Phone Committee). *Wow!* All these wonderful people must have had two pieces of the Bacardi rum cake.

I want to give praise and thanks to several squadron members doing exceptional work this past month: 1) Virgil Boyt pulled together and presented his list of nominees of officers for 2005, accumulation and presentation of the squadron member's 2004's merit marks, assisting a former squadron member in completing the necessary five VSC's (where does he get his energy?); 2) Ron Einboden, Chair, Bylaws Committee and his committee of Virgil Boyt, Sammy Long and Ron Crenshaw for their work on revising our Bylaws (last done in 1993); 3) Ann Einboden and her outstanding staff of Boat Smart lecturers consisting of Brian Calvert, Clark Gilbert, Fred Hoepfner, Michael Sear, Susan Ley, and Sammy Long; 4) the Boat Smart team who handled the registration, graded exams, answered questions and welcomed the graduates consisting of Ron Einboden, Frank Penwell, Carolyn Bowen, Susan Ley, Sammy Long, Virgil Boyt, Ron & Patti Crenshaw, and of course Laura Boyt and Laura Long for their brownies/cookies and coffee; 5) and a special recognition and praise to Lizz Divers-Smith for her outstanding efforts publishing and editing our monthly newsletter (I folded and put the stamps on some issues last month to give her a hand!).

**Please note on your calendars December 2, 2004.** That's the evening of the squadron's annual Christmas Dinner & Meeting (very short). Just so you don't forget, *remove the "Clip & Mail," complete it, attach your check for the correct amount and get it in the mail.....Now!* We are looking for a good turnout and Kelly Crichton, the new manager of the Peppermill has promised us an outstanding meal. **COME JOIN A GREAT GROUP OF FRIENDS FOR SOME HOLIDAY CHEER!**



Mike Chadwick 04  
 Frank Woodward 12  
 Kathy Chadwick 13  
 Don Ragsdale 24

December Birthdays

## FHPS MEMBERS' SPOTLIGHT

This month's "Old Salts" are

**FRANK & SALLY HUDSON**



Frank & Sally are always present at the squadron potlucks/meetings with their warm smiles and engaging humor. Frank is a Life Member, P/C (1982-1983), one of the original "plank owner" of FHPS and received the squadron's Outstanding Member Award in 2003. In earlier years, you could see both cruising to squadron activities or partaking in predicted log contests with their 22' Reinnel.

November 2004  
 Page 2



## Educational Department

Lt/C Ann Einboden, SEO

### SEO Report for November 2004

Boat Smart concluded with 14 successful students, and Chart Smart concluded 11/2 with 8 students. I would like to sincerely thank those who have assisted in teaching these classes: P/C Brian Calvert, S; Clark Gilbert, AP; P/C Fred Hoepfner, AP; Mike Sear, S; Susan Ley, AP; and Lt/C Sam Long, AP. Without your dedication, expertise and hours of effort these classes would be very empty. Thanks also to the many of you who have helped out with registration, grading and helping with the exams.

In the Spring of 2005, we will be offering the all new and updated Piloting class, which includes electronic navigation. Cdr. Travis Smith will be teaching

this class. Even if you have previously taken Piloting, you may wish to take this again. Nine members have signed up for a Weather class that will be offered in April and May. Junior Navigation is going to be coordinated with the Deception Pass Squadron in late March of 2005. Several people have also requested a Cruise Planning class, and we will be organizing that one soon. *Please contact me before the end of November, if you wish to be included in any of these classes.*

In the last Harbor Lights, I listed all of the learning guides available. *I will be sending in another order soon, so please let me know if you want any of them that you haven't already signed up for.*

### THE BILGE OF SEAFARING LORE

DREDGED UP FROM



"THE SINGLE COMMANDMENT OF ANCHORING IS THOU SHALT CREATE SCOPE."

*Reese Palley*

Election of our Bridge, Executive Committee, Assistants, Nominating Committee, Rules Committee and Auditing Committee will be held at our Annual Meeting. According to our bylaws this meeting will occur on the first Thursday in December.

- • • • •
- **NOMINATING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2005 - 2006.** •
- NOMINATIONS FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY WILL BE ACCEPTED FROM THE FLOOR. •
- • • • •



<b>Commander</b>	Travis Smith	<b>Executive Com:</b>	Will Gossett Burke Critchfield Fred Hoepfner
<b>Executive Officer</b>	Sammy Long	<b>Three positions</b>	
<b>Education Officer</b>	Ann Einboden	<b>Nominating Com.</b>	1-year ( <i>Vacant</i> ) 3-year Sammy Long
<b>Admin. Officer</b>	Carolyn Bowen	<b>Two positions</b>	
<b>Secretary</b>	Athlene Schneider	<b>Rules Com:</b>	3-year Ron Einboden 2-year Ron Crenshaw 1-year Sammy Long
<b>Treasurer</b>	Ron Crenshaw	<b>Three positions</b>	
<b>Asst. Secretary</b>	( <i>Vacant</i> )	<b>Auditing com.</b>	3-year Anita Hayes
<b>Asst. Treasurer</b>	Joyce Ragsdale	<b>One position</b>	
<b>Asst. Educ. Officer</b>	John Greever		



## Membership Department

Frank Penwell, Chairman

WE ARE HOPING TO ADD 7 NEW MEMBERS BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR.

TO DATE THIS MONTH WE HAVE ADDED FOUR NEW MEMBERS.

**PLEASE WELCOME ABOARD:**  
**JOHN AND MARY KALBERT,**  
AND  
**JOHN & SHARON TOWSON.**

### John and Mary Kalbert



**John & Mary Kalbert** have been coming to the island since 1994. They retired here full time 2 years ago. John is a retired airline pilot, and Mary is a retired tax accountant. They have 4 children. John's hobbies include boating, fishing & maintaining his RV8 kit airplane. He built the plane in Texas & flew it up here. Mary is writing a book about Turkey. She speaks conversational Turkish. They just got back from 3 weeks of visiting there. I asked if they were concerned about safety in that part of the world. I was told what is in the newspaper is not reality. They had a happy fun time on their trip & never felt in danger. John & Mary are also proud owners of a 49' pilot house trawler.



## Hearty Heros Present Vicarious Voyage Reported by XO Sammy Long, AP

I have long admired the insights of Joseph Campbell, the late authority on myths, tales, and symbols—you know, the man who told his students to “follow” their “bliss”. Campbell talked about the hero’s journey, when a youth leaves the security of home, and embarks on the dangerous missions of life. Webster’s defines a hero as “any man (or woman, for that matter) admired for courage, nobility, or exploits”. But Campbell was careful to point out that heroes can engage dangers and exercise valor later in life, also.

This brings me to the point of this essay—that Fred and Carolyn Bowen lived out their fantasy of embarking on the high seas in a small craft—like Homer of old—when they joined David Good and his wife Carol on their custom-built ship *Alyeska* and cruised from Sitka all the way to Prince William Sound during 23 days last June. Now, at 62 feet in length (and double-hulled steel at that) the *Alyeska* would be sturdy enough for most of us fair-weather sailors, but it turned out that even for this capable crew the voyage was daunting, indeed.

More than forty of us were mesmerized at the last potluck and general meeting as Carolyn and Fred used projected photos, charts, and graphics to tell their wonderful

story of adventure. To start with, they had a narrow window of opportunity to cross open water due to difficult weather patterns in the region, and waited at their Sitka slip for several days before casting off. Once underway, the cruise included difficult passages, rough seas, boring watches, and more than a little anxiety as they threaded their ship into iceberg-strewn waters, and pushed into regions so remote that only commercial fishing boats were to be seen for long stretches at a time. To put their voyage in perspective, it covered 360 nm, and



at one point they were 60 miles off the Alaskan shore. Of special interest to us P’s and AP’s was that Fred did his hourly charting and dead reckoning the entire cruise (as Ann Einboden always said we should), and was pleased to demonstrate that his fixes were all confirmed by the three GPS units aboard. What a sailor! What a crew! Heroes all.

*A special thanks goes to the Bowens for an enchanting evening, and for letting us share their voyage with them, though vicariously. We’re proud to have them in the squadron, and to be able to listen and learn from the wonderful yarns they spin from time to time.*

## WELCOME ABOARD

### John and Sharon Towson



**John and Sharon Towson** moved to the island 2 years ago from Orange County, California. Word has it that they wanted to be near their friends, Fred and Carolyn Bowen. John has had several jobs. The two most notable are his time with the NRO-CIA office during the Cuban missile crisis, and the last 18 years as an insurance and financial consultant. He still does this out of his home. John also likes to golf and do volunteer work with the Lions Club and the American Legion. Sharon majored in Art in college. Sharon enjoys garden and floral arranging, and her artistic ability shows in the way her house shines. Sharon is an avid horseback rider. She has a horse named Cobe, that she brought up from California. Sharon is also active in CATS.

**MONTHLY POTLUCK MEETING  
04-NOV GRANGE HALL**



**DON & JOYCE**



**MIKE SEAR**



**DENECE & MARC**

November 2004  
Page 4

**A Pat on the Back**

**P/C Virg Boyt, AP  
Vessel Examiner**



I was contacted by Bob Miller, our District-16 VSC Chair, who requested Friday Harbor's assistance in helping Victor Giglio, originally a member of our squadron, in completing his five required VSCs.

I immediately accepted and enlisted Fred Bowen and Travis Smith to do the recruiting for me.

We were successful in getting Victor the five required VSCs and he had a pleasant visit with other FHPS members. Vic sent this letter which I would like to share with our members.

**Victor Giglio  
Vessel Examiner**



**Poverty Bay  
Power Squadron**

*Virg,  
I can't say enough about the way you helped me get over the hurdle of not having performed the required number of VSCs to stay qualified. In this day and age, there seems to be fewer and fewer individuals like you who are willing to go that extra mile. If there's ever any way I can reciprocate, you can count on me. The very least I can do is to follow your lead and not only stay current with my VSCs, but also commit to being proactive in doing this important work.*

*Thanks also for your hospitality. It was great visiting with Travis at the Yacht Club, and you and Laura in your wonderful setting, and sampling her brownies and cookies. Minimizing caloric intake must be one of your greatest challenges.*

*All the best Virg,  
Florence & I will keep you & Laura in our prayers, with the hope that--when that time comes--you will find a new place that provides you with the comfort & security you need. Even though your boat ownership days come to an end, I hope you will still see merit in continuing your USPS involvement ... in the Poverty Bay Squadron. You have so much to give.  
Vic*

**SUSAN LEY  
VSC SAFETY CHECK**



**Barcardi Rum Cake  
(Cdr. Smith)**



- 18 1/4 oz. pkg. Yellow (regular or pudding) Cake Mix
- 1 cup chopped pecans or walnuts
- 3 3/4 oz. pkg. Jello Vanilla Instant Pudding & Pie Filling \*\*
- 4 eggs \*\*
- 1/2 cup cold water
- 1/2 cup Wesson Oil

\*\* If using yellow cake mix with pudding already in the mix, omit the instant pudding & use only 3 eggs and 1/3 cup Wesson Oil

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Grease and flour 10" tube or 12 cup Bundt Pan. Sprinkle pecans or walnuts over bottom of pan. Blend/mix all cake ingredients together. Pour batter over nuts. Bake 45-55 minutes or when toothpick inserted is clean when removed. Cool. Invert on serving plate. Prick top.

**Glaze:**

- 1/4 cup water
- 1/2 cup Dark Bacardi Rum
- 1 cube butter
- 1 cup granulated sugar

Melt butter in saucepan. Stir in water & sugar. Boil 5 minutes. Stir in rum. Spoon & brush glaze evenly over top & sides. Allow cake to absorb glaze. Repeat until glaze is used up.

Optional: Decorate with a border of sugar frosting or whipped cream.

## From Buccaneer to Explorer and Naturalist, William Dampier, A Study in Contrasts

P/C Keith Van Cleve, AP



**W**illiam Dampier's exploits have been largely forgotten in light of accomplishments by other famous maritime travelers (James Cook, Charles

Darwin). This may largely have been due to his buccaneering exploits while he was attempting to seek his fortune. However, he also was a pioneering navigator, travel writer, explorer, hydrographer and keen observer of natural history.

Dampier's exploits are well told in a fascinating book by Diana and Michael Preston, "A Pirate of Exquisite Mind" (Walker and Company, New York, 2004).

Dampier (1651 - 1715) was the first man to voyage three times around the world. He was a meticulous observer of natural phenomena and the books he wrote, based on his observations, brought him from obscurity to celebrity and "changed the scientific landscape as well as altering the literary scene." He wrote best-selling accounts of his voyages (A New Voyage Round the World in 1697, Voyages and Descriptions in 1699, and A Voyage to New Holland in two parts (1703 and 1709). His understanding and mapping of winds and currents were pioneering efforts. Later explorers and seamen, including James Cook and Horatio Nelson, studied his methods and used Dampier's maps. Dampier was the first

Englishman to lead an expedition to Australia (New Holland) and document its wildlife. Charles Darwin, working in the 19th century, found Dampier's work an invaluable source of information. A Discourse of Trade-Winds, Breezes, Storms, Seasons of the Year, Tides and Currents, included as part of his second book, established his reputation as a hydrographer beyond challenge.

Dampier's "insatiable" curiosity about natural phenomena made him an intuitive naturalist. He was the first naturalist to visit five continents, traveling widely in areas largely unknown to Europeans at that time. Consequently, he was able to describe plants and animals across the globe. He was the only major British maritime explorer between Francis Drake (sixteenth and early seventeenth centuries) and James Cook and fellow maritime explorers (mid-to late eighteenth century).

Because of its accuracy and attention to detail Dampier's Discourse was still used by the British navy well into the twentieth century. Dampier brought home the first collection of botanical specimens from Australia. The authors conclude that Dampier's greatest gift was to convey to his countrymen in words, the frontiers opening around them. His publications were the first modern travel books.

Despite living a large part of his life with pirates, Dampier managed to maintain his thirst for knowledge. Through his rational, meticulous and objective observations of the world around him and presentations of these findings in popular books, Dampier opened new windows to the natural world.

**Neither nature nor art has partitioned the sea  
into empires. The ocean and its treasures are the  
common property of all men.**  
**John Adams**

### DECEMBER'S MEETING - CHRISTMAS BANQUET

02-Dec  
1730

The Peppermill



See flyer  
for details

WE HOPE  
YOU CAN  
JOIN US !!

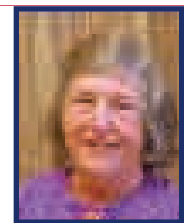
RSVP'S by  
27 Nov. please !

### A VIEW FROM THE CROWS NEST Executive Committee Meeting 02-Nov

Attendees:

T. Smith, S. Long, R. Crenshaw,  
Frank Penwell, Will Gossett,  
A. Einboden, V. Boyt and  
guest, L. Boyt

A summary of  
Ex/Com Minutes  
may be obtained  
by contacting



A. Schneider at  
378-0808 or  
frogni@interisland.net

November 2004  
Page 5

## FRIDAY HARBOR POWER SQUADRON

### SAIL AND POWER BOATING

Post Office Box 665  
Friday Harbor, WA 98250

Phone: 360-378-1849

FAX 360-378-9416

DesignsUnlimLtd@aol.com

www.FridayHarborBoating.org



Dedicated to Education



## Friday Harbor Power Squadron Newsletter



**Volume 20**  
**Issue 14**  
**November**  
**2004**

### Inside this Issue:

Commander's Message	1
SEO November Report	2
District 16 Members Spotlight - The Hudson's	2
December Birthdays Bilge of Seafaring Lore	2
Nominating Committee Recommendations 2005 - 2006	2
Hearty Heros Present Vicarious Voyage Welcome Aboard Towson's & Kalbert's	3
Vessel Examiner Report Potluck Pictures Rum Cake Recipe Ley VSC Safety Check	4
William Dampier, A Study in Contrasts	5
December's Meeting View from Crow's Nest	5

INSERT: CHRISTMAS DINNER FLYER

### COMING EVENTS

#### NOVEMBER

30th 1315  
Executive Meeting  
Library

#### DECEMBER

2nd 1730  
2004 Christmas Dinner  
The Peppermill  
680 Spring Street  
Friday Harbor