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Commander's Message

Cdr. Travis Smith, AP

Are most of you wondering, where did the summer go? Boy! I sure am. The months went by so quickly. Seems like we were just having our spring Potluck/BBQ at the Bailey's in early May and then just a week ago, we were doing the Fall Potluck/BBQ. Hopefully, everyone enjoyed the fantastic weather we had in the San Juans during the summer months and were able to spend lots of time gunkholing locally or places further north. A lot of us did spend some time on the water, either competing in the local sailboat races, day cruising with our families, extended voyages to Puget Sound or British Columbia, or maybe taking your dog for a walk on the beach. If it's "on or near the water, you just have to enjoy it!"

We have a new "Power Squadron Season" to look forward to. Lots of interested speakers are lined up for the coming meetings and should prove to be educational and meaningful to all our members. I'm already looking forward to those really tasty pot lucks, which our members always provide. Lots of completely new and updated course materials have been received from Headquarters which SEO Ann Einboden will be providing, along with the courses planned to be offered during the coming months.

The summer is usually low key for the squadron with the exception of our annual Pig War Rendezvous in mid July. I really feel bad for our squadron members who were not able to attend this year's festivities with the Brentwood Bay Power Squadron who hosted ... and outstanding hosts they were! P/C Virgil Boyt was our chair for the "caper," doing the coordination with the Brentwood Squadron's Doug Roberson. There were no questions on what food dish you

were responsible for, where to check in, where to stay if you came by car, and which dock to moor at, if by boat. It has to be Virgil's training & discipline acquired from his time in the Corps?

Some of the coming year's objectives for the Bridge will be to fill the vacancy on the Bridge (AO Officer) and the one vacancy on the Executive Committee, improve attendance at our general meetings (suggested all meetings be potlucks?), encourage squadron members to attend the District's Council/Conference meetings, revise the Squadron's current Bylaws (last updated in 1993), revise and issue a current Squadron roster, continue to grow the Squadron's membership (goal: 15%), and of course, along the way...have fun!

The Bridge and Squadron members need to continue with the momentum and efforts initiated by Past Commander Boyt. I can't say it any better than XO Sammy Long said in the Ex/Com Meeting report in May, "we have a solid membership base, a sound educational program, and wonderful fellowship to take the Squadron to the next level." I have absolutely no doubt in my mind, that with the outstanding team I have as Bridge Officers and Executive Committee members, this year's objectives will be completed.

Last but most important, all of us need to continue to be role models for our boating friends by setting good water safety and seamanship examples in order to enlighten the uninformed. Inform our fellow boaters about what the USPS is all about, its mission to promote safety on the water while enjoying your friends and having fun. How many individuals are out there that we know, who wouldn't greatly benefit from a Boat Smart or Seamanship class?



SUSAN LEY FIRST OVERALL PREDICTED LOG 2004

Advanced Piloting pays off for Susan Ley when she finished **FIRST OVERALL** in the Seventeenth Annual Predicted Log Contest held 12 June. When Susan first participated in Predicted Logging it was shortly after joining the Squadron. In this contest she was awarded the "Red Lantern," humorous gag trophy for last place. Now as an instructor in AP, she has honed her navigational skills to the point where she is number ONE, scoring a mere 1'-09" error for the 20 mile course. At the awards ceremony at the San Juan Island Yacht Club, Commodore Larry Sliger presented Susan with the Overall perpetual trophy, the Power Division perpetual trophy and First Place Plaque in the Power Division.

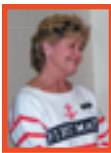
Overall results with total handicapped differences were:

1. Susan Ley, 1' -09"
2. Fred Hoepfner, 4' -22"
3. Larry Sliger, 5' -45"
4. Travis Smith, 5' -51"
5. Dennis Pratt, 10' -24"

1st Power Division
Susan Ley

1st Sail Division
Fred Hoepfner

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Educational Department

Lt/C Ann Einboden, SEO

SEO Report for April-Sept 2004

Our Spring class schedule was a busy one with Boat Smart, Chart Smart, Advanced Piloting and Marine Electronics all running.

There were no classes scheduled during the summer to allow plenty of time to "practice our boating skills."

Our Fall Boat Smart class starts Sept. 28th and runs for 4 consecutive Tuesday evenings at Friday Harbor High School. If you know of any new boaters or prospective new boaters, please have them call 378-3288 to register. The class is filling up fast. Chart Smart, a two-session navigation class will follow immediately after Boat Smart.

Offering all of the classes that we do would not be possible in our small community without the generous support of so many of you. I would like to sincerely thank all of you who have helped out in classes this year, often multiple times: P/C Richard Baker, P/C Virgil Boyt, P/C Brian Calvert, Mike Close, Ron Einboden, P/C Fred Hoepfner, Susan Ley, Lt/C Samuel Long, Clark Gilbert, Lt. Frank Penwell, Fred Popham, Mike Sear, Cdr. Travis Smith, and Dan Wittkopp.

We have received the all new and radically updat-

ed Piloting and Advanced Piloting materials. The focus in these courses is now heavily weighted to electronic navigation. ANYONE INTERESTED? Let me know.

Hearty congratulations to our new Advanced Pilots: Phil Sherwood, Ron Crenshaw, Sammy Long and Fred Bowen. Phil and Fred both got some very good experience using their piloting skills. Fred and Carolyn accompanied the Goodes on Alyeska across the Gulf of Alaska to Prince William Sound, and Fred was delighted to prove that his plotting was as accurate as David's electronic navigation equipment. Way to go, Fred! Phil rounded Vancouver Island on his boat, and had a fabulous trip.

We will be offering an Instructor Qualification class soon. This is a free class and will focus on how to prepare a good lesson plan and how to use multiple teaching aids. This class is excellent preparation for anyone who teaches or speaks in front of any size group. It will soon be mandatory for anyone participating in the public classes, if Washington passes mandatory boating education, because certification will be required.

SEE YOU IN CLASSES !

CALL TO ALL MEMBERS !

A VIEW FROM THE CROWS NEST Executive Committee Meeting 8/31

USPS DISTRICT 16 FALL COUNCIL/CONFERENCE

Starts at 1930 on Friday, 22 October 2004

**Location: Silverdale Red Lion Hotel
Silverdale, Washington
(360) 698-1000**

**Please see details and agenda for the
Council Meeting in your copy of the
Fall 2004 Cardinal Points.
Registration form enclosed.**

Hosted by: Bremerton Sail & Power Squadron

**Any members who plan to attend or have
questions, contact Travis Smith @378-1849.**

Brief Recap of Minutes

Attendees: T. Smith, S. Long, R. Crenshaw,
A. Einboden, V. Boyt,
and guest, L. Boyt.

Officer & Committee reports given by attendees. Key issues reported included tracking of dues for new members, hosting of 2005 Spring Council at the Mullis Center, Fall Potluck/BBQ scheduled at T. Smith's home, open positions for AO and Executive Committee Member, Bylaws require updating, Boat Smart class starting 28 September.

**A complete copy of Ex/Com Minutes may be
obtained by contacting A. Schneider at
378-0808 or frogni@rockisland.com.**

**IMPORTANT
TID BITS**



**Do you know ...
how CAP'N ED ucation
came to be?**

The figure of the Captain was designed and drawn by Edward D. Leche, AP, when the squadron was established in 1978/1979. This drawing has become the official logo for the squadron and appears on all issues of the monthly newsletter, annual roster, etc. The lantern, with its radiating rays, became the principal design element of the squadron pennant and adds emphasis to most of our publications. This little mascot is obviously a seafaring man as evidenced by his navy pea coat and yachtsman cap with USPS insignia. Due to the heavy emphasis by Power Squadrons on education it has been proposed, but never proclaimed, this little man be called "CAP'N ED".

• There is nothing more •
• enticing, •
• disenchanting •
• and enslaving •
• than the life at sea. •
• Joseph Conrad •
• Lord Jim •

Past Commander 02-04

Virgil Boyt, AP



VSC Report
Chair, Virgil Boyt, AP



• Ignorance is the parent of fear •
Herman Melville
Moby Dick

We reached a VSC high water mark for the year after I wangled an invitation to do VSCs during the largest Grand Banks Rendezvous in Roche Harbor Marina history.

My crew in the booth -- Laura Boyt, Athlene Schneider, Travis Smith, and Ann Einboden were sign up boats for VSCs, passed out information and answered questions about our activities, while Vessel Examiners Victor Giglio, Tom Thomason, Clark Gilbert, Brad Peterson (Seattle Power Squadron), and myself did VSCs on the 104 Grand Banks in attendance for the May 6-9th Rendezvous at Roche Harbor.

Our planned large presence for the Friday Harbor Power Squadron, unfortunately, was negated by the Roche Harbor management who made it impossible for many of our members to attend, what with the severely torn up roads, absence of parking, and the extreme low tides making the long trip to the dock hazardous.

Despite a reduced workforce we were still able to accomplish 26 VSCs and pass out more than 60 letters of information. I plan on a greater effort for next year "Be the good LORD willing and the creeks don't rise."



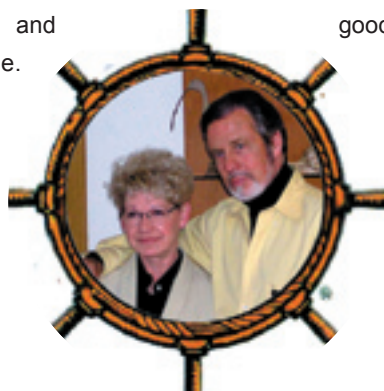
Steve Billmyer

**Bon Voyage
To Richard and Victoria**



**Sid Schneider &
Frank Penwell**

A farewell potluck BBQ dinner was held at the Bailey's home on 6 May 2004 honoring Richard and Victoria. The Bakers were valued members of our squadron for many years. Both were Past Commanders and gave hundreds of hours in support of our activities. We wished them farewell and good luck as they moved to their new home in Tennessee.



Salute! Richard



Ren and Bob Arnett



Lady Grace



Lady Kingfisher



Cook Shack



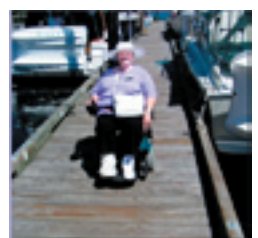
Stiff Competition



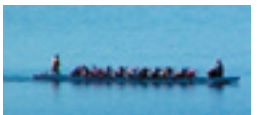
Renaissance



Hands Across the Border

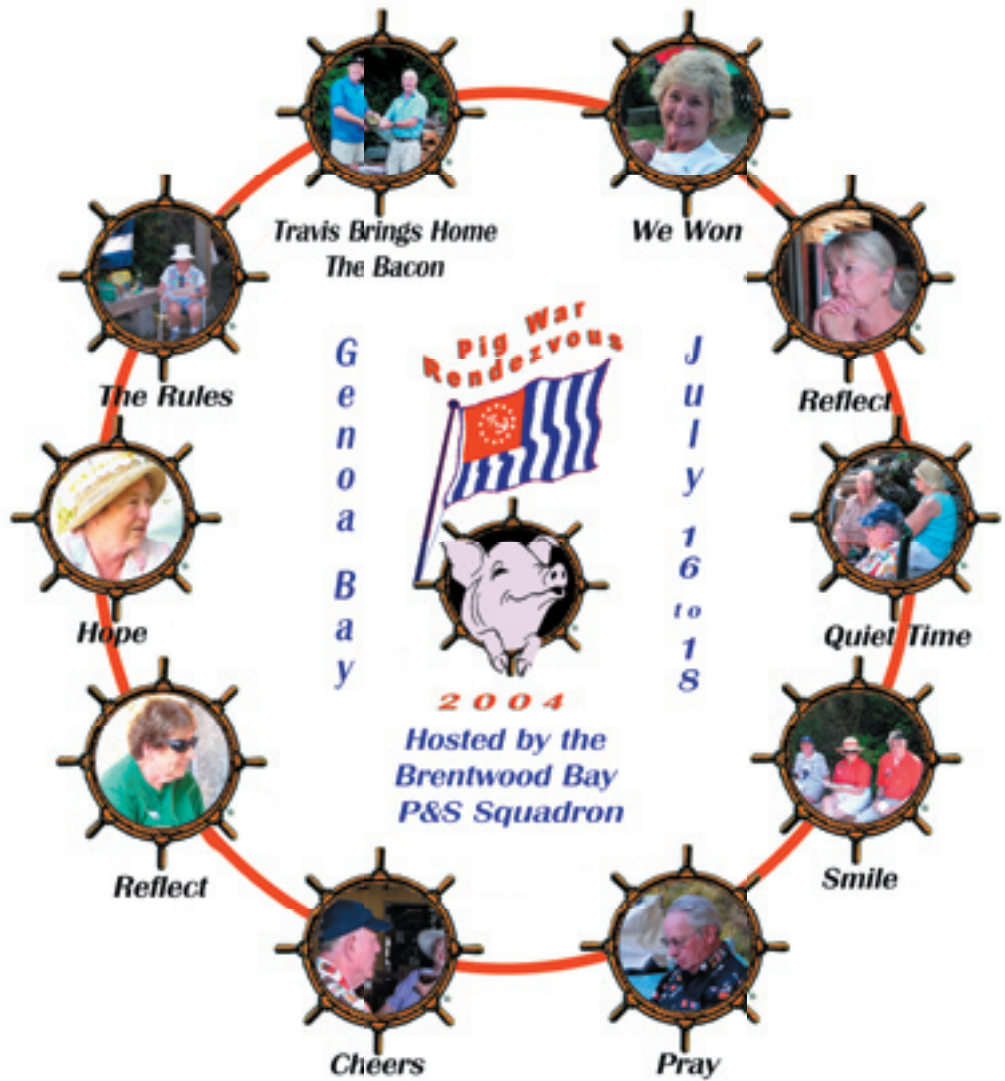


Power Chair Laura



War Canoe

2004 Pig War Rendezvous Chair, P/C Virg Boyt



NEWS FLASH

AMERICAN YACHTERS TAKE HOME HARDWARE AFTER SWINE DIES!

On or about July 17th at 18:00 it was reported that the Friday Harbor Power and Sail Squadron defeated the crew from the Brentwood Bay Squadron. Both crews had assembled at Genoa Bay B.C. for the 18th Annual Pig War Rendezvous with a trophy and bragging rights at stake. Thirty-four people and nine boats were on hand to participate in the "games." Old acquaintances were renewed and new friendships were established. The swine was the only real loser. It was enjoyed with a full bounty that was blessed by Sammy Long, AP (yes, that's right...advanced pilot). Sunday morning breakfast was enjoyed on the sundeck at Captain Morgan's B&B. Haven't been there yet? It's a must! Karen and I want to thank all those who attended and truly made our weekend a lot of fun. Those who didn't attend, we missed you and hope you plan to attend the next one south of the 49th. Safe boating and may the wind always be at your back!

Doug Robinson

Brentwood Bay Power and Sail Squadron

SPRING POTLUCK

MAY 6th

FUN FUN FUN



Don & Joyce Ragsdale



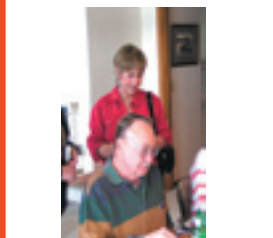
Dot & Dave Vandevor



Frank Hudson & Ann Einboden



Frank & Maralene Woodward



Lizz Smith & Ron Einboden

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"BEAUTY & THE BEAST"



Ya'll Come on Down... Ya Hear!
Come and Get It !!

ANNUAL FALL POTLUCK & BARBECUE



TONI'S DELICIOUS GREEN SALAD

★★★★★

EVENT

- ★ THE SUN WAS SHINING
- ★ TERRIFIC FRIENDS
- ★ TERRIFIC FOOD
- ★ NEW MEMBERS-VISITORS
- ★ T-SHIRT DOOR PRIZES



"THE GANG"

★★★★★

9 SEPTEMBER

2004

THE SMITH RESIDENCE

FRIDAY HARBOR



BILL AND GEORGIA WITH NEW MEMBERS, BURKE & PAULA



"EL NABORCINO"



LAURI AND WADE



BILLY, KATHY, KEN, PAT, BOB AND WILE



SWEARING IN NEW MEMBERS LIZZ, PAULA AND BOBBIE



KATHY, WILE, KEN, BOB AND WILE



JIM & CAROL HOOPER, SANTA CLARA POWER SQUADRON



PARTY, PARTY !!



"BOBBIE'S" DENISE AND ANN

"ME THINKS FRIDAY HARBOR POWER SQUADRON FOLKS HAVE TOO MUCH FUN !!!"

Forty-eight members attended the Annual Fall Potluck and Barbecue at Commander Smith's home. The weather cooperated beautifully and a good time was had by all. With two barbecues going, a fire pit with fresh corn grilling, delicious potluck side dishes, libations and great fellowship, the annual fall event was a success. Georgia Paden and Ron Crenshaw were the winners of the personalized CAP'N ED t-shirt door prize (designed by Lizz Smith). Commander Smith swore in new members Burke and Paula Critchfield, and Lizz Smith who has been "with" the Squadron for several years, but somehow never sworn in!

FRIDAY HARBOR POWER SQUADRON

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OCT 7 POTLUCK MTG GRANGE HALL

COMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

15th - 19th
Lake Union Boats Afloat Show

28th 1900
Boat Smart Class, FHHS

OCTOBER

5th 1315
Executive Meeting
Library

5th 1900
Boat Smart Class, FHHS

7th 1800
"Potluck" Dinner Meeting
Grange Hall

22nd - 23rd
D16 Fall Council/Conference
Red Lion Inn
Silverdale, WA