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Commander's Message Cdr. Travis Smith, AP

The "Big Event" is now history. The Squadron's 26th Annual Change of Watch experienced a good turn out. Nearly sixty members and their guests enjoyed a delicious prime rib or salmon dinner, cooked to perfection and served in style by the San Juan Yacht Club banquet staff and its manager, Gayle Rollins. Prior to dinner, everyone thoroughly enjoyed several plates of appetizers prepared by Carolyn Bowen, Laura Boyt, Ann Einboden, Peg Hoepner, and Athlene Schneider. With the spacious layout of the Yacht Club, the attendees were able to socialize and mingle freely in the bar area while sticking close to the appetizer table.

The Change of Watch was fortunate to have several District 16 Bridge Members present. Commander Dennis Morris and wife Judy, Executive Officer Peter Betlem and wife Karen, Educational Officer Rod Barnes, and Administrative Officer Carolyn Black were all guests of the Squadron. Several members had the pleasure of chatting with the D/16 guests and easily getting on a first name basis with these friendly folks from "America." Along these same lines, I believe I can say without a doubt, we are more than likely the only Squadron to ever have a District Commander help set-up tables and decorate for a Change of Watch Dinner! Dennis showed up at exactly 10:00 AM Thursday morning, braving the rain while walking up from F-Dock where he and Judy had moored their boat. He took off his wet windbreaker, rolled up his sleeves and joined right in with the rest of the Committee Members (Ron & Ann Einboden, Marc Forlenza, Georgia Paden, and Lizz Divers-Smith). Dennis is welcome on any of our Committees.....any time!

The Change of Watch attendees were also able to renew old friendships with one of the Squadron's Past Commander, Richard Baker who delivered an eloquent Invocation written by our Executive Officer, Sammy Long. We were also able to meet

two Squadron members who cruised over from Orcas to join us, Mike Paluck and new member, Cap Tong (I forgot to swear him in!). Both of the Orcas members are Vessel Examiners. We also had two other distinguished guests and my good friends from the Bellevue Sail and Power Squadron, Commander Jean Miller and Bob Miller, the editor of their newsletter, "Bellviews." This was their second attendance to our Change of Watch. Lizz and I are looking forward to attending Cdr. Jean Miller's Change of Watch in Bellevue on May 4. Jean is a "retread" like myself.

One of the highlights of the evening was our newsletter editor, Lizz Divers-Smith's multimedia, DVD presentation of "2004 - 2005 In Review." The presentation contained numerous photographs with music, members in attendance at the Squadron's Potlucks, BBQ's, and key events during the past year. Thanks to the many, many photographs taken by the Squadron's official "shutterbug" Virgil Boyt during the year, Lizz was able to compile an entertaining and memorable presentation that included a major portion of the membership.

Awards were presented to Ann Einboden, "Outstanding Member of the Year," and "Educational Fund / Certificate of Merit," Virgil Boyt, "Special Recognition for VSC's" (the colorful plaque was designed and made by Marc Forlenza), Ron Crenshaw, "Website Award for Excellence," and Lizz Divers-Smith, "National Publication Award : Harbor Lights."

The enjoyable evening was wrapped up by the Squadron Commander who remarked on the accomplishment of several Squadron and personal goals established in May 2004. Namely, improve meeting attendance from 30% to 40% (Thanks to the Phone Committee Ladies & Potlucks); Active members' count resolved (Initially reported as 138; actual as of May 2004 was 74. Thanks to Frank Penwell & Ron Crenshaw help comparing roster lists, along with Jean Miller tutorial on how to use DB2000); Revision of the Squadron

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Educational Department

Lt/C Ann Einboden, AP

SEO Report for April 2005

1. Boat Smart was offered on Orcas Island on April 2nd & 3rd by Lt John Greever, AP and Will Gossett, AP. Twenty-one students were successful and very appreciative of the class.

2. Piloting has concluded and 7 students are now awaiting their scores. This was the first time that we have taught the new course which focuses on electronic piloting as well as traditional chart work. Instructor, Cdr Travis Smith, AP was very impressed with the new format and is confident that all students will be successful.

3. The Weather class started April 6th at the San Juan Island Yacht Club with 14 students. This class is in two modules: Basic and Advanced Weather, taught by Lt/C Ann Einboden, AP and P/C Frank Woodward, SN.

4. Cruise Planning is underway with 7 students doing a self study. We will meet in May to review the material and go over local issues before an exam.

5. Seamanship will be offered in the Fall, so please let me know soon, if you would like to reserve a spot. This has not been taught in a couple of years, so several of you will want to take advantage of this updated course.

6. Some points of information from the Recreational Boating Association of Washington:

-VHF Channel 71 has been reserved for port operations in the Puget Sound area, and is no longer available as a working channel for recreational boaters.

-CANPASS changes: Four new CANPASS only sites have been opened in the Gulf Islands: Ganges on Salt Spring Island (Public Float/Breakwater at the pump out station); Port Browning, Pender Island; Cabbage Island; Montague Harbour Marina, Galiano Island. These sites are open between 0700 and 2100, 7 days a week.

-Customs/Immigration Changes: Sometime in the next year the PIN # will no longer be valid. When we enter the United States from Canada, we will need to have either an I-68 or Nexus pre-clearance to clear by telephone. Without either of these clearances, or when anyone on our boat does not have such clearances, we must report in person to an official Customs/Immigration dock. This can be done at Friday Harbor or Roche Harbor (if Roche is open), or any other of the official reporting stations in the Northwest.

To get an I-68 pre-clearance you must visit a U.S. Immigration office, give them 2 passport-style pictures, and pay an annual fee. The Nexus form can be obtained at www.getnexus.com. This requires a more rigorous background check and you will be required to schedule an appointment for an interview at the Blaine Peace Arch border crossing and pay a fee. The Nexus pass will be good for 5 years and is good at land as well as water border crossings.

The good news is that our PIN #'s are still good this year, but stay tuned for changes. To check for updates go to the Recreational Boaters Association of Washington web site: www.rbaw.org.

Reminder: To use your VHF radio in Canada, you now need an FCC boat Station License (allowing you to use the equipment on your boat) and a Restricted Radio Telephone Operator Permit (giving you as an individual the permission to use the equipment). To get the necessary forms go to: www.fcc.gov/formpage.html. You will need forms #605 and #159. Getting your license this way will also give you your MMSI (Mobil Marine Safety Identification) number for the Digital Selective Calling radio. While this DSC system is not up and running in the U.S., it is in Canada. So, if you need to push that red distress button, while boating in Canada, the Canadian Coast Guard will respond to you. Thus far our Congress has not funded the U.S. Coast Guard to activate our land based units, but hopefully will in the next year or so.

A View From The Crow's Nest

Executive Committee Mtg.
05-Apr

Attendees:

T. Smith, S. Long,
M. Forlenza, Burke
Critchfield, Will Gossett,
A. Einboden, Athlene
Schneider, V. Boyt and
guest, L. Boyt

A summary of Ex/Com
Minutes may be obtained by
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Bill Paden	01
Lizz Divers-Smith	05
Susan Ley	08
Laura Long	12
Victoria Baker	13
Sammy Long	20
Marlene Woodward	21
Bill Cannam	25
Mike Sear	29
Cap Tong	29

May Birthdays



VSC and Safety Report

P/C Virg Boyt, AP
Vessel Examiner



Once in a great while you stumble upon a simple answer to a great puzzle. When these events are explained. Poof! The mystery is gone. *No more monsters under the bed.*

I recently received a crash course in rip current 101, courtesy of the National Weather Service. This was brought to my attention by Bob Miller of the Poverty Bay Squadron. Thanks Bob!

I Quote: "More people die from Rip current than hurricanes and tornadoes. The United States Lifesaving Association estimates that 100 people die each year because of Rip current. (This is compared to .6 people from sharks, 18 from hurricanes, 53 from lighting, 58 from tornados and 84 from floods."

To add the proverbial insult to injury, the National Weather Service believes deaths from rip current are under-reported. This makes this naturally occurring phenomenon a very real and scary thought.

"Rip currents are strong sea currents which push away from the shore as a strong storm is near. They are formed by the strong winds pushing water towards the shore. Tropical cyclones' winds push waves up against the shoreline even if they are hundreds of miles away, so rip current warnings are often the first indication of a nearby hurricane."

As the waves move in toward the shore, sandbars begin to build. The rougher surf begins to crash into these bars and flow over them. The large amounts of water, with the tremendous pressure these waves can exert on the sandbar finally punches a hole through the sandbar.

So, just like the old story of the hole in the dyke, water that is sitting behind the sandbar (which is between the sandbar and shore) starts to rush out of our hole in the sandbar. This movement creates the rip current, and is the chief reason it is so dangerous.

WHAT TO DO IF CAUGHT IN A RIP CURRENT (from the National Weather Service) <http://www.ripcurrents.noaa.gov/tips.shtml>

- Remain calm to conserve energy and think clearly.
- Never fight against the current.
- Think of it like a treadmill that cannot be turned off, which you need to step to the side of.
- Swim out of the current in a direction following the shoreline. When out of the current, swim at an angle--away from the current--towards shore.
- If you are unable to swim out of the rip current, float or calmly tread water. When out of the current, swim towards shore.
- If you are still unable to reach shore, draw attention to yourself by waving your arm and yelling for help. Stay at least 100 feet away from piers and jetties. Permanent rip currents often exist alongside these structures.
- Consider using polarized sunglasses when at the beach. They will help you to spot signatures of rip currents by cutting down glare and reflected sunlight off the ocean's surface.
- Pay especially close attention to children and elderly when at the beach. Even in shallow water, wave action can cause loss of footing.

For more information on Rip Tides, see the National Weather Service Rip Current Safety page at <http://www.ripcurrents.noaa.gov>. The NWS has prepared a brochure on Rip Current Safety available at http://www.ripcurrents.noaa.gov/signs/rip_brochure_final.pdf (please note its a large file)."

The National Weather Service uses Tide Rips and Tide Currents interchangeably.

Date: May 5th

Place: Shipyard Cove

Assemble: 1700

Depart: 1730

Arrival back to Shipyard Cove: 1930

"All Aboard the Pintail"
Spring Potluck Barbecue Picnic
Destination: Turn Island



IN EVENT OF INCLEMENT WEATHER,
POTLUCK WILL BE HELD AT THE GRANGE HALL.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:
Please Bring
 Coast Guard Approved PFD
 Folding Chair
 Utensils, plates, favorite beverage
 Cinco de Mayo Side Dish for 8 (of your choice) to share
 BBQ pits available
 Restroom on Turn Island



In Celebration of **Cinco de Mayo**
5 May 2005

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Denece & Mark



Carolyn & Fred



Kathy, Susan & Mike



**April
Change of
Watch
Banquet**

**San Juan Island
Yacht Club**

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**Marc Forlenza - AO
Ron Crenshaw - Treasurer
Athlene Schneider -Secretary
Ann Einboden - EO
Travis Smith - Commander
Sammy Long - XO
(not present)
with Carolyn Black**

Peg & Fred



Ann & Ron



*Photographs by
P/C Virg Boyt, AP*

**Carolyn Black
D16 AO**



District 16 Bridge

**Rob Barnes
D16 EO**



Karen, Peter, & Dennis



**Dennis Morris
D16 Commander**

**Peter Betlem
D16 XO**



Bylaws (Thanks to Ron Einboden and his Committee digging their way through 16 pages, it was ratified by the membership during March's meeting); Revise and issue a current Membership Roster (Sammy & Laura Long have completed the project and are planning to issue the booklet at May's meeting); Grow the Squadron's membership by 15%(We did much better! Official roster count as of April 7, 2005 is 98 or 32%); Complete a Squadron Budget (2004 / 2005 & 2005 / 2006 Budgets were approved by the Executive Committee during its April meeting).

By this time a large portion of the attendees were somewhat nodding off and the remainder anxiously waiting for the closing remarks. So, I quickly covered the financial status of the Squadron which has a bottom line currently of approximately \$5000. This number will be finalized and reported in May's "Harbor Lights," once all the expenses for the Change of Watch are received and Treasurer, Ron Crenshaw has an opportunity to review the Squadron's books. Ron has been on vacation for the past four months in Palm Springs, California.

The only goal the Squadron didn't meet was the inability to have a member "belly up to the bar" and volunteer for the open Administration Officer's position. Just didn't happen! Regrettably, I announced the resignation of Frank Penwell's as the Squadron's Membership Chair. Frank has done an

super job over the past years in handling the new member applications with USPS Headquarters, interviewing the new members, obtaining their photos for inclusion in the "Harbor Lights," being present at each Boat Smart Classes' graduation night to pass out their Certificates and sign them up as Squadron members, plus attending the monthly Executive Committee Meetings. The position does keep a person busy. Frank desires to move out of the Membership Chair position in order to dedicate more time to his other charitable organizations. We will all miss his efforts and dedication in helping build the Squadron's membership.

On the up-beat side, Frank continued his outstanding efforts and recruited Tony Davia to fill the Membership Chair vacancy during the Change of Watch Dinner. Tony accepted the position and affective April 7, 2005, became the Squadron's new Membership Chair.

Welcome to the Executive Committee Tony!

Overall, I believe the attendees at the Change of Watch had an enjoyable and entertaining evening. We couldn't have asked for a nicer venue and were honored with the efforts and time the District 16 Bridge took to attend. I did not hear one complaint about the bar's prices or the service and quality of the drinks. Right Dennis?



Ann Receives Member of the Year Award



Ann Receives Meritorious Award



Virgil Gets Award from Lizz



Marc Awards Plaque to Virgil

CONGRATULATIONS !



Ron Accepts Website Award



Ann Accepts Education Fund Award



Lizz Accepts Award for Harbor Lights

The Laws of the Navy

Dedicated to his Comrades in the Service by the author
Ronald A. Hopwood



Written at the turn of the century by a very wise royal Navy captain who later rose to the rank of admiral, this poem is one of the most famous and oft-quoted pieces of naval literature ever penned. The poem addresses the essence of good advice for young hopefuls, whatever their sphere. Admiral Hopwood's words are all encompassing and timeless.



Now these are the laws of the Navy,
Unwritten and varied they be;
And he that is wise will observe them,
Going down in his ship to the sea;
As naught may outrun the destroyer,
Even so with the law and its grip,
For the strength of the Ship is the Service,
And the strength of the Service, the ship.



Take heed what ye say of your rulers,
Be your words spoken softly or plain,
Lest a bird of the air tell the matter,
And so ye shall hear it again.

TO BE CONTINUED IN NEXT MONTH'S ISSUE COURTESY OF FRED HOEPPNER

THE BILGE OF SEAFARING LORE



"The pessimist complains about the wind;
the optimist expects it to change;
the realist adjusts the sails."
William Arthur Ward



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PREDICTED
SATURDAY
LOG
2005
JUNE 11

The Predicted Log contest co-sponsored by the Friday Harbor Power Squadron, Friday Harbor Sailing Club and the San Juan Island Yacht Club will be held Saturday, 11 June. A seminar in May will be conducted for first-timers and "experts" at which time all aspects of the contest will be explained and demonstrated. A skipper's meeting will be held just before the contest date at which time the course will be disclosed and final instructions given. Sail or power - fast or slow, a handicap provision evens things out. Any questions? Call Travis Smith at 378-1849, tnslids@aol.com or Fred Hoepfner at 378-4213, fphoeppner@interisland.net.



San Juan Island Yacht Club



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Chairman, Rules Committee
Lt/Ron Einboden, AP

NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF BYLAWS AND EFFECTIVE DATE

The revised Bylaws of the Friday Harbor Power Squadron, Inc., have been approved by the National Committee on Rules effective 8 March 2005.

Anyone wishing to receive a copy please contact Ron Einboden, 378-3288 or email at ein@rockisland.com

The Lubber's Dictionary

sail·ing

1. n. the fine art of getting wet and becoming ill while slowly going nowhere at great expense.



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COMING EVENTS

MAY

3rd 1315
Executive Committee Meeting
Library
5th 1800
Potluck Dinner Meeting
Turn Island

JUNE

7th 1315
Executive Committee Meeting
Library
9th 1800
Potluck Dinner Meeting
Grange Hall

11th

Predicted Log Contest
SJIYC

18-19th

Pig War Rendezvous
Roche Harbor

24-25th

D/16 Rendezvous (Fiesta 11)
Port Orchard

SEPTEMBER

1st

Fall Picnic & BBQ Place TBD
16th

Nor'westing Cruise
Roche Harbor & FH Fairgrounds