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



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## Commander's Message Cdr. Ron Crenshaw, AP

Here I am, playing golf and lazing in the sun in Borrego Springs. I read about the Northwest weather and talk to some of you and while I miss Friday Harbor, I am thankful for the sunny days and warm weather here. However, it also reminds me of how easy it is to become complacent and to overlook the challenges of maintaining a boat during the winter. Unless you use your boat frequently during the winter, now is the time to put some attention into figuring out how to neutralize the effects of rain, snow, and temperature and humidity changes. If you do not put some effort into this, you can almost be guaranteed that the winter gremlins will figure out how to corrode your wiring, mildew your seats, cushions and mattresses, run down your batteries, moisturize your fuel systems, and, in some cases, sink your boat. Alas, when the shrimping and cruising season starts in the Spring nothing will work on your boat as it did when you left it in the fall and sometimes the discovery of gremlin work happens at the most inappropriate time. **Don't let this happen to you.**

The Power Squadron is a good place to talk to your comrades, learn from their mistakes and successes, and get ideas for winter time protection. For example, I was talking with a sailboater last year and found that his trick for handling inside moisture while his boat set at the dock was simply to buy a portable dehumidifier at Home Depot, set it on this counter by the sink with the drain flowing into the sink, set the desired humidity level, and let it run. He claimed to not have any problems with mildew or inside corrosion since he started doing this and now even does it year round.

I am impressed with our membership gains and some of our member energy coming forth to make this unit an active one. We now have a committee working on a couple of boating events this summer (a time when we generally are inactive due to the cruising season), we are offering instructor training to get more of you qualified to put on classes, and we are offering a greater variety of classes than in the past including some of the new seminars that are creditable towards boating certification levels.

The planning for our general meeting and Xmas party has resulted in what I think will be a real fun event. While this is a general meeting in which we elect new officers, I promise to keep it short so we can spend time enjoying ourselves. The price and facilities are excellent, so be sure to sign up for this event. A flyer is in this newsletter for your use.

Again, I want to take remind you to visit the Friday Harbor Power Squadron's web site at [www.fridayharborboating.org](http://www.fridayharborboating.org). I mention this as this site can be an important communication tool for you in the future. For example, did you know that you can read or download the last issue of the Harbor Lights from the site. You can also read or download our new Bylaws. And, perhaps most importantly, there is a "members only" area (under "Directory") where upon entering your member number you can access and print out an on-line roster of FHPS members. It is easy and it is fast. You can even create a mailing list of selected members if you desire. You can also check your personal information, and if it is not accurate, you can update it. Try it and while you are at it, check out our calendar and some of the other pages and links.

As a reminder, the District 16 Spring Council meeting will be hosted by the Bremerton Poswer Squadron on February 3. Any member interested is invited to attend and those who do will receive a Commander's Coin in appreciation for your attendance. Also, the Seattle Boat Show is January 25-February 3 so you could really take in both activities at once.

Lastly, but not least we will be putting on a Training Session on January 13 in PS Operations. It is designed for members that want to learn more about the Power Squadron and how it operates. Our current Bridge Officers will be the instructors. They will be studying night and day in order to make this an impressive session.



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 THAN A FRIENDLY LITTLE  
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 OF SMOOTH WATER, A  
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 THE STARS?  
 WILLIAM ATKIN



**A View From  
 The Crow's Nest**

**Executive Committee Mtg.  
 31 October 2006**

**Attendees:**

- Marc Forlenza, Fred Bowen, Carolyn Bowen, Dan Wittkopp, Ann Einboden, Travis Smith, Sammy Long, Burke Critchfield, John Kalbert, John Towson and Athlene Schneider

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



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To be successful at  
 sea we must keep  
 things simple.  
**R.D. (Pete) Culler**



**Educational Department**

Lt/C Ann Einboden, AP

**SEO Report for November 2006**

Classes:

Boat Smart and Chart Smart have concluded and the ten students who took the exam all passed. Six of them have either already joined or have said they would.

Advanced Piloting is underway with P/C Travis Smith, AP teaching. This class is being held in the conference room of the Technology Center, thanks to Marc Forlenza.

Junior Navigation is starting in Mount Vernon, and Travis Smith is taking the course.

We have received the instructor's edition of the "On Board Weather Forecasting" seminar. It looks good and will hopefully be offered in the Spring of 2007, as well as the "GPS" seminar.

The Seattle Sail & Power Squadron put out a plea for any of the old Seamanship manuals, and we had 4 sets plus one extra Seamanship 102, which we sold to them.

Upcoming Classes:

- Instructor Development** Spring 2007. All members are encouraged to take this excellent course. It makes organizing and presenting a class, or any presentation, both easy and effective.
- Operations Training** Jan. 13. For all new and relatively new members. This course explains the overall organization of the Power Squadron on the National, District and our local level. Never again wonder what all those initials Mean.
- Basic Boating Class** Feb. 6 – March 13 A combination of the Boat Smart and Chart Smart classes, this is the all new basic boating class.
- Seamanship** March 27 – May 1 This is another all new version and it is excellent. This is the first advanced grade class and needs to be taken in order to get credit for Piloting and Advanced Piloting.

The new Seminar's that are now available for us to teach to both members and the public are: "Using the VHF & VHF/DSC Marine Radio", "Using GPS", "How to Use a Chart", and "On Board Weather Forecasting". These are 2 hour seminars that, when completed qualify for credits toward a "Boat Owner Certification", identifying a level of competence.

Discounts:

Your membership in the FHPS makes you eligible for numerous discounts. For more information on any of the following, please e-mail me at [ein@rockisland.com](mailto:ein@rockisland.com).

Upgrade to Windows XP Professional	only \$22.00	All from:
Service Pak 2	only \$ 8.00	<a href="http://www.techsoup.org">www.techsoup.org</a>
Microsoft Office Professional 2003	only \$20.00	Check out their
Microsoft Office Standard Edition 2003	only \$16.00	other offerings.
Microsoft Office PowerPoint 2003	only \$12.00	
Microsoft Office Frontpage 2003	only \$12.00	
Microsoft Digital Image Suite	only \$ 5.00	
Microsoft Student 2006	only \$ 4.00	
Microsoft Streets & Trips	only \$ 2.00	
Microsoft Encarta 2006	only \$ 3.00	

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Nobeltec Software: 25% off    Dell Computers: 10% off    **Need Certificate #**  
 McGraw-Hill Marine related books : 10-40% off

AO Fred Bowen, AP



**November General Meeting**

At our November General Meeting, Brian and Sasha Calvert presented an entertaining and interesting photo tour of their seven-boat Selene circumnavigation of Vancouver Island. Their navigation and seamanship stories make us all glad we have the USPS to make us better and safer boaters. *Thanks, Brian and Sasha!*



Circumnavigation of Vancouver Island 2005

**December 7th Holiday Meeting**

Don't miss the annual FHPS Holiday Meeting on Thursday, December 7th, at 1800 at the San Juan Island Yacht Club (see flyer on Page 6). This year we will feature an elegant buffet, an entertaining auction, and a tree ornament exchange. The cost is \$20/person. Please RSVP no later than December 1st to Pat Wittkopp at 378-7175 or danlw@rockisland.com. Wear your holiday finery!



Naughty or Nice ???

**Membership Department**

John Kalbert - Chairman

**PLEASE WELCOME ABOARD**

**WOW !**  
Seventeen ...  
that's right ...  
seventeen  
new members  
have joined  
the FHPS  
since I took over  
the job as Mem-  
bership Chairman  
in September.

- |                               |                 |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| Paul and Heidi Broward        | "Maverick"      |
| David and Jane Cable          | "Flyboy"        |
| Brian and Sasha Calvert       | "Further"       |
| Gregg and Rachel Dietzman     |                 |
| Rainer and Susan Eberhard     | "Raven"         |
| Ed and Jan Ferro              |                 |
| Michael and Jean Griffin      |                 |
| Steve Percer                  | "Fast Passages" |
| Chuck Rust and Bonnie Gilmore | "Hamish"        |

Many of our new members came to the Power Squadron from the introductory classes held by Education Officer, Ann Einboden. I would like each member of the Squadron to think about friends they know who might enjoy taking Power Squadron courses. If you know of anyone in this category, invite them to a meeting or explain about what the USPS has to offer. In this way, we can promote boating safety and spread the word about the advantages of joining the Friday Harbor Power Squadron.

**Profile - New Members  
CHUCK RUST and BONNIE GILMORE**

Welcome to **CHUCK RUST** and **BONNIE GILMORE**! They are two of our newest squadron members. They are very active in the boating community on the Island. Chuck is currently the Vice Commodore, and Bonnie is the newsletter editor, for the Friday Harbor Sailing Club.

Sailing has captured their imagination and energy for many years. Chuck has been sailing for more than thirty years. Bonnie has been a sailor for the past eight years. They report that the "best part of sailing" is "there are lots of places to go." And they have gone -- Sailing the Pacific coastline from San Francisco Bay down to Mexico! Chuck has also raced, participating in the Bay areas South Tower Race where he raced for twenty nine hours with only two hours of sleep!

Most of their vessels have been sailboats, having owned a Hans Christian 43' for many years. Currently they are enjoying their most recent purchase; a 26' Nordic Tug named Hamish. Bonnie reported it was a "very cute" boat, and during the summer they took many cruises on her to Canada.

Canada has special significance for them as they were married in Ganges on Salt Spring Island in 2001. They moved to the Islands in 2003.

They reported that they "love to go to Canada on their boat", and "Thanks to Ann and Travis (they) are able to navigate". They have taken the Power Squadron's Piloting course. Chuck is now enrolled in Advanced Piloting and plans to take more classes in the future.

*Interview conducted by Georgia Paden, P*

## THE EPIC STORY OF THE U.S.S. INDIANAPOLIS (CA-35)

P/C Keith Van Cleve, AP



The heavy cruiser U.S.S. Indianapolis had an illustrious, eventful career. Some of the events included being President Roosevelt's "ship of state" in 1933, participation in the Aleutian Campaign of 1942, carrier from Mare Island in San Francisco Bay to Tinian Island in the western Pacific of key elements of the first atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima in 1945 and Admiral Spruance's flagship during the last days of World War II. The story of this famous ship is well presented in "Abandon Ship! The saga of the U.S.S. Indianapolis, the Navy's greatest sea disaster" by Richard Newcomb (2000, HarperCollins). This fascinating tale of the sinking of the Indianapolis by a Japanese submarine and the consequences of delayed rescue of crew survivors in the waning days of WWII. Newcomb's recounting of events is well worth reading and provides in depth retelling of the birth, operation and death of this valiant ship her crew (and survivors) and the strange consequences of the loss of the ship for her commander Captain Charles McVay, an experienced, decorated skipper.

The U.S.S. Indianapolis was one of eighteen heavy cruisers (designated CA under the US Navy system established in 1918) built following the First World War and one of four cruiser classes developed observing the terms of the 1921-1922 Washington Conference Treaty. The Treaty was designed to control international armaments production.

The four cruiser classes and ships were: The Pensacola Class of 1929 (The Pensacola and Salt Lake City), The Northampton Class of 1929-1930 (The Northampton, Chester, Chicago, Houston, Louisville and Augusta) , The Indianapolis/Portland Class of 1931-1932 (The Indianapolis and Portland), The Astoria Class, 1933-1936 (The Astoria, New Orleans, Minneapolis, Tuscaloosa,

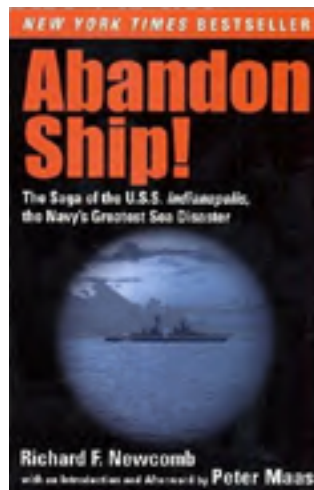
San Francisco, Quincy, and Vincennes).

The Indianapolis was launched November 7, 1931 at Camden, New Jersey. She was 610 feet long with a 66 foot beam. Draft was 17 ½ feet, 24 feet when fully armed, manned and provisioned. Her designed flank speed was 32 knots. She was equipped with eight boilers located amidships that drove four geared turbines. Total horsepower was rated at 107,000 delivered through four screws. Main armament included nine 8-inch guns in three turrets, two forward and one aft. In addition there were four 5-inch guns, twenty-four 40 mm intermediate range guns and thirty-two 20mm Oerlikon guns. Numerous refits occurred during the war

so that by the time of this story the latest in navigation and fire control systems were installed on the ship. However, there was no underwater gear (sonar) for submarine detection. Cruisers depended on destroyer escort for submarine screening. Of the approximately 1197 officers and men aboard at the time of the sinking, maybe 880 men made it alive into the water. Many were badly injured and ultimately, after 4 days, in the water 317 were rescued.

This also is the story of an eleven-year-old school boy, Hunter Scott from Pensacola Florida, who in 1996 made the story of the

Indianapolis his contribution to his sixth-grade school history fair. From then on his contacts with cruiser survivors, new information about the Navy's knowledge of circumstances leading to the disaster and assistance from members of Congress helped to provide partial vindication for the survivors and skipper of the U.S.S. Indianapolis



Thanks to Keith Van Cleve and Sid Schneider for the fascinating book review



Test Your Knowledge

Courtesy of Fred Hoepfner

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### NAUTICAL QUIZ

You are approaching another vessel and will pass safely starboard to starboard without changing course.

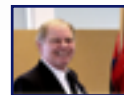
You should:

1. Hold course and sound no whistle signal
2. Hold course and sound two blast whistle signal
3. Change course and sound one blast
4. Hold course and sound one blast.

All rules quoted in this quiz are international as these are the applicable rules for all the areas that you are likely to sail in.

The correct answer will be given as a **BOLD** letter to be found somewhere in The Harbor Lights.

**FRIDAY HARBOR POWER SQUADRON  
2007 Squadron Bridge Officers Election**



**P/C Travis Smith, AP**  
**Chair**  
**Nominating Committee**

The Squadron's elections for its 2007 Bridge will take place during the Annual Business Meeting on December 7, 2006. This will be the last opportunity for any nominations from the floor for the Squadron's elected positions. The Nominating Committee is presently accepting nominations from the membership for: 1.) Administrative Officer, 2.) Assistant Administrative Officer and 3.) Auditing Committee Member (three year term). These are key positions that still need to be filled. Please contact myself or the other members of the Nominating Committee (Toni Bailey & John Kalbert) if you would like to volunteer for any of the three remaining open positions.

<u>Position</u>	<u>Nominees/Elected Positions</u>	<u>Filled/Appointed Positions</u>
Commander:	Marc Florlenza	
Executive Officer	Fred Bowen	
Educational Officer	Ann Einboden	
<b>Administrative Officer</b>	<b>Open</b>	
Secretary	Carolyn Bowen	
Treasurer	Dan Wittkopp	
Executive Committee:	Will Gossett	P/C Ron Crenshaw (1 Year)
	Sammy Long	
	John Kalbert	
	Burke Critchfield	
	Toni Bailey	John Kalbert (2 Years)
Nominating Committee:		Ron Crenshaw (1 Year)
		<b>OPEN (2 Years)</b>
Rules Committee:	Burke Critchfield (Three Years Term)	Sammy Long (1 Year)
		Jackie Scherer (2 Years)
<b>Auditing Committee:</b>	<b>Open (Three Year Term)</b>	Laura Long (1Year)
Assistant Treasurer:	Joyce Ragsdale	
Assistant Educational Officer:	Travis Smith	
<b>Assistant Administrative Officer</b>	<b>Open</b>	
<b>Squadron PRO:</b>		<b>Open</b>
Chair / Squadron Newsletter:		Lizz Divers-Smith
<b>Chair / Safety Committee:</b>		<b>Open</b>
Chair / Membership Committee:		John Kalbert
Chair / Membership Involvement Committee:		John Towson
Law Officer:		Ron Einboden
Chair Cooperative Charting:		Ron Crenshaw
Chair / Vessel Safety Check:		Burke Critchfield
Chair / Operations Training:		Ron Crenshaw
Chair / Boating Activities:		Athlene Schneider
Chair / Ship Stores:		Carolyn Bowen
Web Master / Data Base Manager:		Ron Crenshaw

**THE BILGE OF SEAFARING LORE**



**"Even now, with 1,000 little voyages notched  
in my belt, I still feel a memorial chill on  
casting off, as the gulls jeer and the empty mainsail  
claps."**

**1.**



**DON'T MISS OUT ON THE FUN !**



**Friday Harbor Power Squadron  
2006 HOLIDAY DINNER BUFFET**

**Thursday**

**7 DECEMBER 2006**

**\$20.00 per person**  
(Payable at entrance)

**The San Juan Island Yacht Club**  
237 Front Street  
**1800 - Cocktails and Buffet**  
**1900 - Short Meeting and Auction**

*Feast*  *Fare*

**Smoked Salmon**  
**Shrimp Cocktail**  
**Smoked Turkey and Ham**  
**Homemade Rolls**  
**Cheese and Vegetable Assortment**  
**A Variety of Other Savory Items**  
**An Array of Elegant Desserts**



There will be an  
**ORNAMENT EXCHANGE.**  
Please bring  
one wrapped  
holiday ornament  
with your name  
on the wrapping



There will be a  
**LIVE AUCTION.**  
Please contact  
Marc Forlenza  
378-6727 or  
getmarc@aol.com  
for item pick up

**RSVP BY 1 DECEMBER 2006 TO**  
**The Wittkopps, 378-7175 or danlw@rockisland.com**

## The Lubber's Dictionary

### Gunwale

Upper edge of the side of a boat, pronounced "gunnel," "gunn'l," "gnl," or "gn." By the way, many people have difficulty mastering nautical pronunciation, and this seems to be as good a place as any to address this problem. The effect to aim for is a cross between train announcements and the sounds that come from patients in dentists' chairs. Probably the best way to develop a "sea mouth" is to practice speaking with an unopened chowder clam held in your mouth.

Remember, properly delivered nautical commands must be incomprehensible to the person toward whom they are directed even when accompanied by clear hand signals or a pantomime indicating the desired action. The U.S. Navy has a handy memory aid for the seven basic rules of the nautical command —  
*It's a good one to memorize:*

- C onfuse
- O bscurer
- M umble
- M ispronounce
- A bbreviate
- N asalize
- D rool

Work on this sentence: "Gaff that grommet gasket to the garboard gudgeon gunter." It should come out something like "Gfthtgrmsgkththgbdgdgngnr."

### Seafaring Words In Everyday Speech

#### ANCHOR

(base of strength, symbol of hope)

Technically, an anchor is a device for holding a ship in a particular place. Metaphorically, any reliable support or base is considered to be an anchor. As Alfred Lord Tennyson noted, "Cast all your cares on God; that anchor holds." In the Christian religion the anchor is a symbol of hope: "Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast ..."

(Heb. 6:19)



#### December 2006

- 12/1 World AIDS Day
- 12/1 National Tie Month
- 12/6 Saint Nicholas Day
- 12/7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
- 12/15 Hanukkah
- 12/17 Wright Brothers Day
- 12/24 Christmas Eve
- 12/25 Christmas Day
- 12/26 Kwanzaa
- 12/31 New Year's Eve

#### January 2007

- 1/01 New Year's Day
- 1/01 Bath Safety Month
- 1/01 Japanese New Year
- 1/01 Last Day of Kwanzaa
- 1/01 Blood Donor Month
- 1/01 Book Blitz Month
- 1/01 Business & Reference Books Month
- 1/01 Careers in Cosmetology Month
- 1/01 Chinese New Year
- 1/01 Crime Stopper Month
- 1/01 Prune Breakfast Month
- 1/01 Retail Bakers Month
- 1/01 Soup Month
- 1/01 National Tea Month
- 1/01 Diet Month, Fat-Free Living Month
- 1/01 Eye Health Care Month
- 1/01 Gourmet Coffee Month
- 1/01 Hobby Month
- 1/01 National Clean Your Computer Month
- 1/01 Oatmeal Month
- 1/01 Poverty in America Month
- 1/09 School Crossing Guard Week
- 1/16 Martin Luther King Day
- 1/20 Inauguration Day
- 1/26 Republic Day-India

## BIRTHDAY CHEERS !!

#### December 2006

- Mike Chadwick
- Kathy Chadwick
- Michael Erickson
- Richard Grant
- Joan Kinderfather
- Dave Nasman
- Marilyn Nasman
- Fred Popham
- Don Ragsdale



#### January 2007

- David Good
- Will Gossett
- Connie Grant
- John Greever
- David Kinderfather
- Albert Nash
- Sidney Schneider
- John Towson
- Sharon Towson

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#### DECEMBER

5th 1300

Executive Committee Meeting  
Library

7th 1800

Annual Mtg and Christmas Dinner  
San Juan Island Yacht Club

#### JANUARY

2nd 1300

Executive Committee Meeting  
Library

4th 1300

Potluck General Meeting  
Grange Hall

30th 1300

Executive Committee Meeting  
Library

#### FEBRUARY

1st 1300

Potluck General Meeting  
Grange Hall