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Commander's Message Cdr. Ron Crenshaw, AP

Our April 6th Change of Watch saw Travis and I exchange flags, the old Bridge dismissed, and the new Bridge installed. D/16 Cdr Peter Betlem and D/Lt/C Carolyn Black conducted the ceremonies. They graciously traveled from the mainland and back just to attend our Change of Watch. They do 17 of these things in about a 45-day period. Now that is volunteer work! The new bridge is a strong one with familiar faces. Marc Forlenza is our XO, Fred Bowen is our AO, Dan Wittkopp is our Treasurer, Carolyn Bowen is our Secretary, and Ann Einboden continues as our Educational Officer. Past Commander Travis Smith and Past XO Sammy Long move to the Executive Committee where they can keep an eye on us and help guide us in our progress for the next year.

Several of our members were honored for their service (see pages 3, 4 & 5 for details).

As I discussed at the COW, a major emphasis of ours in the coming months will be to capitalize on the good work of the past board in recruiting and retaining new members. Our membership is continuing to grow and our challenge will be to involve our new members in Squadron activities, increase their interest in boating, and enable them to reap the benefits of membership. One of my first official acts was to appoint Rich Grant as our new membership chair and Marc and Travis are now actively showing him the ropes. Rich has already developed some key objectives for the program next year, not the least of which is to develop a new member mentoring program and make the benefits of the USPS more visible to

all members. The By-laws provide for the appointment of two members to a Membership Involvement Committee to do this and we are actively looking at setting up this committee. If any of you are interested, you should contact us and let us know of your interest.

Virgil Boyt was honored by the District for his service in performing over 100 Vessel Safety Checks for four years in a row.... a national record! I was also honored to appoint Virgil as Chair for the VSC program for this year and he is actively seeking applicants to train as Examiners. There are many opportunities to train coming up soon and Virgil is the best mentor you will find. If you have an interest, let him know.



This is also the time of year that we submit our budget and objectives to the Membership for approval. I plan to do that at our Spring Picnic (*what a way to dampen a picnic*). A written copy of the FHPS 2006 Budget and Objectives is on page 5.

I also want to take this opportunity to encourage you to visit the Friday Harbor Power Squadron's web site at 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.

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When I look to
the sea, I see
peaceful and
powerful infinity.
Lou Gossett, Jr.



The faster the mile,
the more it costs.
R.D. "Pete" Culler

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

**Executive Committee Mtg.
4 April 2006**

Attendees:

Travis Smith, Marc
Forlenza, Ann Einboden,
Virgil Boyt, Burke
Critchfield, Athlene
Schneider, Sammy Long,
Ron Crenshaw and Will
Gossett.

Guests: Dan Wittkopp
and Laura Boyt

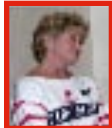
A summary of Ex/Com Minutes
may be obtained by contacting

Carolyn Bowen at
378-5445 or

carolyn@execuserve.com



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Educational Department

Lt/C Ann Einboden, AP

SEO Report for May 2006

Marine Electronics has concluded and 10 members have passed with flying colors. Congratulations to: Lt/C Fred Bowen, Barry Boyce, Floyd Cornett, Sue Cornett, Lt/C Marc Forlenza, Connie Grant, Rich Grant, Carl Johnson, Conrad Kimes, and John Van Hoecke. Many thanks go to P/C Travis Smith for this excellent course.

Engine Maintenance is taking their final exam May 2nd. Congratulations to the following who were successful with the first module of Engine Maintenance: Rick Benedict, Lt/C Fred Bowen, Barry Boyce, Burke Critchfield, Ron Einboden, Mike Erickson, Lt/C Marc Forlenza, Connie Grant, Rich Grant, Sven Haarhoff, Bruce Hall, Anita Hayes, Carl Johnson, Torry Johnson, John Kalbert, Conrad Kimes, Bill Paden, John Van Hoecke, and Lt/C Dan Wittkopp. Bob Bailey, the Engine Maintenance instructor deserves much thanks

for an outstanding course.

Piloting is underway with P/C Travis Smith and Lt/C Ann Einboden sharing the teaching. It is a great course, and several of our newest members are doing very well in it.

We plan to offer Advanced Piloting in the Fall, and any of you who wish to take it should contact me for sign up before September.

P/C Travis Smith presented a two hour basic charting class to 50 people at the

Selene Rendezvous in Roche Harbor, on the last weekend in April. This was based on the Chart Smart class and covered the basics in how to read a chart and plot a course. Travis deserves many **THANKS** for an excellent and valuable service.

**HAVE A TERRIFIC, SAFE
SUMMER ON THE WATER.**



Times have changed no doubt, but the Sea has not.
R.D. "Pete" Culler



April Change of Watch Banquet

San Juan Island
Yacht Club

CONGRATULATIONS!



Virgil Accepts
100+ VSC's



Ann Accepts
Educational Fund



Lizz Accepts
Journalism Distinction
Award



Exchange of Flags



Swearing In



"The Head Table"



Carolyn and Peter

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Ann Einboden - SEO
Fred Bowen - AO
Carolyn Bowen - Secretary
Dan Wittkopp - Treasurer
Marc Forlenza - XO
with Carolyn Black



Carolyn, Denece, & Patti



Frank & Patti Penwell



Fred and John

Thanks to
Virgil Boyt
For The
Terrific Pictures!
(more pictures
on pages 4 & 5)

Once again the Friday Harbor Power Squadron successfully passed the reigns of "Power" to a new Bridge. The evening capped the tenure of several outstanding members who selflessly served the Squadron during the previous years.

Travis Smith, our fearless Commander since 2006, was feted for his peerless leadership in cementing our Squadron's position within District 16. He was honored with the presentation of a very nautical foul weather jacket emblazoned with our Squadron's very own Capt'n Ed logo. Commander Smith will surely be missed, however unlike General Douglas Mc Arthur he will not fade away, but retain a seat on the Executive committee where his experience will be valued.

Ann Einboden was justly honored for her outstanding continuing labor as our Squadron's "Professor Emeritus". Ann's tireless contribution to organizing and teaching various Power Squadron courses

has enlightened hundreds of novice boaters and made our common maritime recreation a safer pastime for all.

Virgil Boyt's legendary energy and prodigious accomplishments as our Vessel Safety Check Examiner were properly lauded. It is doubtful anyone will surpass Virgil's accomplishments even if a Vessel Check steroid is invented.

Athlene Schneider's tenure as Secretary was duly recognized for years of seamless reporting. Her skills will be remembered for a long time.

The evening's activities and celebrations were perfectly complimented by the SJIYC venue, and I believe most every one agreed that the dinner was a great success. It's probably safe to say that all members present felt that The Friday Harbor Power Squadron has been, and will continue to be, guided by very capable hands.

**CoW Pictures
Continued
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Pat, Dan, Connie & Rich



Laura, Jim, Patti & Frank



Pat, Connie, Rich & Mary



Barry and Judie



Commander's Message Continued

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.

And finally, please keep the following dates

and activities in mind. Better yet, pick a couple and plan to attend. One of our objectives is to increase member participation in other sponsored activities. If you need a ride or transportation let us know and we will arrange something if we can. Some of these are water accessible events and just the trip could be fun.

- Opening Day Parade and BBQ Dinner 5/7, Port of Friday Harbor and SJIYC.
- District 16's Educational Seminar, May 13, Mercer Island
- National Safe Boating Week 5/20-26. Flare Shoot and VSC table at Jackson Beach at 1400 5/20.
- 19th Annual Predicted Log Contest and BBQ, 6/10 SYIJC, FHPS, & FHSC (we need observers, contestants, and navigators for this one).
- USPS and USCG Appreciation Day, 6/12, Deer Harbor Marina
- D16's annual Rendezvous, "Pillage and Plunder in Poulsbo, 6/23-25. (FHPS is assigned the silent auction and we know of a couple of boats that are going-this one is a lot of fun).
- Squadron's Annual Pig War Rendezvous with Brentwood Bay PS, 7/7-8 at Port Browning, North Pender Island. (Come help us keep the Trophy on San Juan Island).



Travis & Peter
District 16 Flag

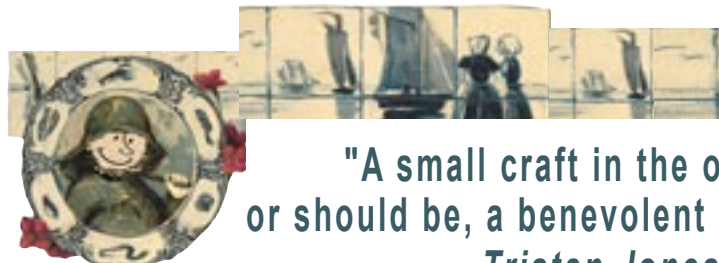


Lisa and Burke



Carolyn and Ann

THE BILGE OF SEAFARING LORE



**"A small craft in the ocean is,
or should be, a benevolent dictatorship."**

Tristan Jones

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Proposed FY 06-07 Budget by Category	FY 05 Actual	FY 05 Budget	Difference	Proposed FY 06 Budget
Annual Spring BBQ TOTAL Annual Spring BBQ	-\$234	\$0	-\$234	-\$225
Change of Watch TOTAL Change of Watch	-\$675	\$20	-\$695	-\$375
Christmas Party TOTAL Christmas Party	-\$436	-\$13	-\$423	-\$375
Donations	\$213	\$250	-\$37	\$200
Education TOTAL Education	\$359	\$1,900	-\$1,541	\$500
FHPS Store TOTAL FHPS Store	-\$67	\$160	-\$227	\$415
Interest Income TOTAL Interest Income	\$73	\$437	-\$364	\$80
Membership TOTAL Membership	\$2,111	\$2,366	-\$255	\$2,120
National Cruise TOTAL National Cruise	\$627	\$0	\$627	\$0
Operational Costs TOTAL Operational Costs	-\$1,964	-\$3,105	\$1,141	-\$2,135
Pig War Rendezvous TOTAL Pig War Rendezvous	\$396	\$100	\$296	-\$50
OVERALL TOTAL	\$402	\$2,115	-\$1,713	\$155

**FRIDAY HARBOR POWER SQUADRON
GOALS STATEMENTS
FY 4/06-3/07**

1. **Continue "EXCELLENCE" in what we have done well in the past:**
 - a. Boater and Member Education
 - b. Vessel Safety Checks
 - c. Squadron Newsletter (Harbor Lights)
 - d. Squadron Web Site
2. **Increase visibility of USPS in the Community**
3. **Strengthen member recruitment and retention through:**
 - a. Develop mentorship program
 - b. Increase member involvement in FHPS operations
 - c. Develop and/or encourage member participation in USPS activities such as rendezvous, District meetings, and other D/16 Squadron meetings.
 - d. Member benefits.
 - e. Find and develop active membership chairperson and committee.
4. **Score in top 80% of the Commander's Challenge Program**



Bill, Mike and Georgia



Fred, Mike and Kathy



John, Carolyn and Marc



Fred and Peter



**Seafaring Words
In
Everyday Speech**

**Hulk
(big, clumsy)**

This term comes from the Old French word hulque, a large, flat-bottomed transport vessel. The hulk, which originated in Northern Europe in the Middle Ages, was a large, shallow-draft cargo vessel. When no longer fit for sea duty, hulks were frequently dismantled and converted for nonsailing uses -- prison, storehouse, quarantine, or other functions that did not require them to move. By extension, hulk describes the body of a large, obsolete, or abandoned ship. Similarly, ashore, the word is used to describe something (or someone) that is large and unwieldy.



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. Any questions or discussion of the correct answer will be welcomed at the next Squadron meeting.



Test Your Knowledge
Courtesy of Fred Hoepfner

RULES OF THE ROAD

Which whistle signal may be sounded by one or two vessels in sight of each other?

- A. Four short blasts.
- B. One prolonged blast.
- C. One short blast.
- D. One short, one prolonged, and one short blast.

ORIENTAL SHRIMP



- 1 lb shrimp – medium to large. Peeled and cleaned.
- 1/3 cup Soy Sauce
- 1/4 cup Sesame Oil (available in Oriental Section of local grocery).
- 1 tbs Brown Sugar
- 1 tbs Ginger Root. Peeled and finely chopped.

Combine the marinade ingredients and pour over shrimp. Refrigerate 3 to 4 hours. Drain, reserve marinade. Shrimp may be sautéed in a small amount of marinade for 5 to 6 minutes (or charcoal broiled on skewers, basting with marinade until done). Chill and sprinkle with toasted Sesame Seeds.

In days long gone I have prepared abalone in the same way. The abs were cut in narrow strips. I think squid (calamari) rings would be quite good also. Don't overcook any of the seafood or it will be tough.

Laura Boyt

ON THE WEB - NEW HARBOR LIGHTS FEATURE !

- If members know of some good web sites, please send them to the Commander for possible inclusion in future Harbor Lights (space permitting).

<http://www.rbaw.org/> Lots of info for Washington boaters, i.e., new mooring buoys at WA State Marine Parks and restrictions on anchoring, Boaters Education Cards to be available May 15 with PR program to start soon, anchoring in False Creek, Vancouver and Metric only Tide Tables in Canada proposed.

<http://www.yachtlease.com/> Click on Fuel Prices for costs in our area . (Bellingham cheapest)

www.fuelcostcalculator.com Computes fuel cost to drive your car between major cities. (Thanks to Fred Hoepfner for input)

dinghy

Small craft towed from the stern, stowed on deck, or stolen from moorings when boats are away. it serves the purpose of life-boat, shore shuttle, and wastebasket, and, by filling up with water and sinking, provides a crude measurement of recent rainfall. for reasons lost in maritime tradition, dinghies are by custom equipped with two oars but only one functioning oarlock.



The Laws of the Navy

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.

12th
Stanza



If the fairway be crowded with shipping,
Beating homeward the harbour to win,
It is meet that, lest any should suffer,
The steamers pass cautiously in;
So thou, when thou nearest promotion,
And the peak that is gilded is nigh,
Give heed to thy words that thine actions,
Lest others be wearied thereby.
It is ill for the winners to worry,
Take thy fate as it comes with a smile,
And when thou art safe in the harbour
They will envy, but may not revile.

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

13th
Stanza



Uncharted the rocks that surround thee,
Take heed that the channels thou learn,
Lest they name serve to buoy for another
That shoal, the Courts-martial Return.
Though Armour the belt that protects her,
The ship bears the scar on her side;
It is well if the Court shall acquit thee,
It were best hadst thou never been tried.

TO BE CONTINUED IN NEXT ISSUE COURTESY OF FRED HOEPPNER



**P/C Virg Boyt, AP
VSC Report on the Selene Capar**

Thanks to Ron Einboden for steering me onto the Selene rendezvous scheduled for April 27-28-29th at Roche Harbor Marina & Resort.

An even bigger thanks to Brian Calvert who lined up 34 sparkling Selene Ocean Trawlers and introduced me to their owners. When Brian assured them that they would benefit from a VSC they signed right up and I had two great days of examinations. I have about 460 VSCs to my credit and I must say that the Selene Ocean Trawlers, as a class, outshine any of the Grand Banks that I have examined.

I borrowed Harvey Smith from Sequim, VE for the North Olympic Power Squadron, to help me and together we knocked off 21 trawlers and 3 tenders. That is a grand total of 24 VSCs. I felt bad that we ended up with thirteen gorgeous trawlers without a VSC, but there is only so much that one can do in a given time.

As a squadron, we are well on our way to reaching the VSC goal set for us by HQ. After I process the pile of forms on my desk we will have 50 squadron VSCs to our credit. This is more than any other squadron in the district, and maybe even on the West Coast, although I haven't had time to research that statistic yet. Like I said, there is only so much that one can do.

Any active member that is interested in becoming a Vessel Examiner can contact me for details. Virg Boyt, vboyt@rockisland.com , 378-6343.

When my sleep is fretful
I soothe it by remembering.

When I cruise
beneath the stars
and there is only
the sound of water
bubbling about the cutwater
and singing from
beneath the stern,
I remember.

When I pause from work,
I remember.

WILLIAM ATKIN

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COMING EVENTS

MAY

2nd 1300

Executive Committee Meeting
Library

4th 1700

Spring Picnic and Barbecue
San Juan County Park

7th

Opening Day Parade and BBQ
Port of Friday Harbor

13th

District 16 Education Seminar
Mercer Island

20th - 26th 1400

National Safe Boating Week
Flare Shoot - VSC table
Jackson Beach (20th 1400)

JUNE

10th

Annual Predicted Log Contest
and BBQ - SJIYC

12th

USPS and USCG Appreciation Day
Deer Harbor Marina

23rd - 25th

D16 Annual Rendezvous
Poulsbo

JULY

7th - 8th

Annual Pig War Rendezvous
With Brentwood Bay
Port Browning - North Pender Island