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Commander's Message Cdr Marc A. Forlenza, AP

Speaking to you for the first time (in this format) as Commander of the Friday Harbor Power Squadron I would like to thank all 140 members who make this, in my opinion, the best squadron in the USPS. Though only one of 450 squadrons I believe our members have shown outstanding dedication and spirit, thus contributing more than their proportional share to America's largest non-profit boating organization.

The talent possessed by the newly installed Bridge is enough to run a medium sized country. Fred Bowen brings out of this world credentials as your new Executive Officer, Ann Einboden is experience incarnate, and shares her knowledge willingly and effortlessly as Squadron Education Officer. Carolyn Bowen is already flexing a masterful command of the Administrative Officer's position, and Jan Ferro has assumed the Secretary's responsibilities with exceptional zeal. The Bridge would not be the same without Dan Wittkopp's clarity of vision and thought, who has signed on again as Treasurer.

All the above assures me that the Friday Harbor Power Squadron will continue to provide the public and its own membership with numerous educational and social opportunities, thus ensuring recreational boating will continue being the safe and enjoyable activity that it is for so many of us who live in the San Juans.

While our mission is to educate and our goal is to reach as many people as possible who like to spend time on the water, this year increased emphasis will be placed on making scheduled activities more fun than ever before, and on initiating new projects and outings that not only highlight our core

values of education, safety and camaraderie, but also increase our profile within the community.

In this regard, one of this year's accomplishments will be the installation of the Life Jacket Loaner Board at the Port of Friday Harbor. This potentially life saving access to children's PFD's, at no charge, will undoubtedly enhance the public's safety on or near the water. Final installation is near.

I can also report that the first ever Pocket Cruise, on May 5th, to Prevost Harbor, was a success, and will be the beginning of a squadron tradition that members can enjoy for years to come. The second Pocket Cruise is already in the planning stages.

Additionally, the second public Flare Shoot was held at Jackson's Beach on May 19th, and the unanimous response of those present confirmed it was a great opportunity to learn something new and important in a fun and relaxing setting.

These are only a few examples of the activities that our membership can enjoy. Becoming part of the team that organizes events is also a rewarding and worthwhile part of being a Power Squadron member. Scheduled for the September General Meeting will be the presentation of the Committee Fair, Assistant A/O Mike Griffin's innovative idea for boosting membership participation. As Commander I encourage new and long time members alike to attend the Fair and volunteer just a small portion of their time thus helping our Squadron continue its valuable work.

The next opportunity for members to join in and just have fun will be the 20th anniversary of the Pig War held at Port Browning July 6-8. Our skills but never our friendship will be put to the test against our beloved



Cdr Forlenza's First Boat



Educational Department

Lt/C Ann Einboden, AP SEO

SEO Report - April and May 2007

April 2007

GPS Seminar: David Good presented our first of the seminar series on March 21st to 19 participants, with the assistance of P/C Travis Smith, Megan Rader and Ann Einboden. David did an excellent job of making the operation of GPS understandable and user friendly.

Junior Navigation: Congratulations to our newest JN. P/C Travis Smith learned at the Spring Conference that he had passed the course.

May 2007

On Board Weather Forecasting Seminar: Dave Cable presented an excellent seminar on April 25th at the San Juan Island Yacht Club, to 32 participants. In addition to the Power Squadron materials, Dave was able to get some very valuable local graphics from Jeff Renner, the meteorologist on Channel 5 TV. This added really interesting Puget Sound, Washington weather information. Everyone participating was very pleased with this seminar and several have indicated an interest in taking the Weather class when it is next offered. Dave spent many hours and much effort to present a really terrific seminar, and deserves many thanks.

Seamanship: The Seamanship class, with 17 members is well underway, and will take their exam on June 5th. This is a brand new class and the materials are excellent. It's an all new course that covers: preparation and boat handling, a serious dose of "Rules of the Road", anchoring, emergency conditions and marlinspike. Included with the student manual is: "The One Minute Guide to the Nautical Rules of the Road", and a self-study appendix which in addition to the course, prepares the student for the Coast Guard Captain's License Exam, if they wish to take it.

Charting Class: On April 25th at the Selene Rendezvous in Roche Harbor, we presented a 2 hour Charting seminar. There were about 25 participants, and it was very well received. P/C Brian Calvert arranged for and advertised the seminar and Lt/C Ann Einboden presented it, with able assistance from Susan Ley, Sammy Long and Mike Sear.

Squadron Boating Course: The next basic boating course will be the full Squadron Boating Course and will be taught at the San Juan Island Yacht Club, starting Sept. 18th. This will be a 6 week course, including basic navigation and piloting.

USPS University Boat Operator Certification: This will be a widely recognized certification for non-professional, recreational boaters and will integrate into the International Certificate of Competency, which is rapidly becoming a requirement for boating in European and other countries.

This spring, the requirements for the first of the four levels, Inland Certification has been created. To achieve this certification, you will need to complete the USPS Seamanship Course, Engine Maintenance, Marine Electrical Systems and the Inland Elective. You also will need to complete a demonstration of boat handling proficiency on the water, or provide evidence of equivalent skills. The Inland Elective is a composite of six seminars. Four are required: How to Use a Chart, Using GPS, Using VHF and VHF/DSC Marine Radio, and Onboard Weather Forecasting.

Coastal Certification comes next with the Inland Certificate as a pre-requisite. For the Coastal Certificate, a candidate must have: Piloting, Marine Communications Systems, and Navigation Electronics in addition to the Coastal Elective. The Coastal Elective will consist of six seminars that are currently being defined and developed.

Happy, Safe Cruising,
Lt/C Ann Einboden, AP

A View From The Crow's Nest

Executive Committee Mtg. 28 February 2007

Attendees:

XO Marc Forlenza,
SEO Ann Einboden,
P/C Travis Smith, A/O
Fred Bowen, Ass't A/O
Mike Griffin, Treasurer
Dan Wittkopp, John
Kalbert, John Towson,
Burke Critchfield,
Secretary Designate
Jan Ferro & Joyce
Ragsdale

Executive Committee Mtg. 03 April 2007

Attendees:

Cdr Ron Crenshaw,
XO Marc Forlenza, AO
Fred Bowen, SEO Ann
Einboden, Treasurer
Dan Wittkopp, Secretary
Carolyn Bowen, P/C
Travis Smith, Burke
Critchfield, Sammy
Long, John Towson and
Secretary Designate Jan
Ferro

Executive Committee Mtg. 01 May 2007

Attendees:

Cdr Marc Forlenza,
X/O Fred Bowen,
A/O Carolyn Bowen,
SEO Ann Einboden,
Treasurer Dan Wittkopp,
Secretary Jan Ferro,
Ass't AO Mike Griffin,
P/C Ron Crenshaw, P/C
Travis Smith and Burke
Critchfield

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Membership Department

John Towson - Chairman



Bruce & Laura Westmiller

Bruce & Laura moved to Friday Harbor from Richmond Beach, WA about 5 years ago. They keep their power boat, Rogue Wave, at Roche Harbor Marina. Bruce has 30 years of boating experience and Laura recently completed the PS Boat Smart Course. Laura is owner/operator of Classic Design and Bruce is a building contractor. He is an accomplished artist and a big game hunter and guide. They love boating, fishing, cooking and traveling.

Bill & Diane Giesy

Bill & Diane, popular real estate brokers, have lived in Friday Harbor about 27 years. They have a 21' power boat named Fish Hawk. Bill has 30 years of boating experience. Both recently completed the PS Boat Smart Course and currently working on Seamanship. Diane plans on taking a Power Cruising course in Anacortes in June. Their hobbies are boating, flying and motorcycling. For his favorite boating story ask Bill about his survival story in Parker Bay. Bill and Diane love being a member of the FHPS.

Dan & Mary Watson

Dan & Mary, after traveling to the San Juan Islands for a number of years, moved to Friday Harbor from Kirkland about 5 years ago. Dan is a retired auditor & Mary was a school teacher. They have a power boat named Celtic Crossing. Dan has been a fresh water boater most all his life. Ask him about his favorite boating experience during a high school spring vacation on (a very stormy) Lake Chelan in a wooden boat. Dan recently completed the PS Boat Smart Course & the Weather Seminar. Their favorite hobbies are boating, fishing, sea kayaking & hiking.

Tom Huse & Susan Hall

Tom & Susan were married 1-1/2 yrs. ago and currently live on their boat Sea Gypsy II in Friday Harbor Marina. Susan boated as a young girl in Puget sound & Canadian waters, and has completed the PS Boat Smart Course. Tom has been boating essentially all his life and has a Coast Guard 50 Ton Master License. He is also a Certified ABYC Boat Electric Technician. Susan came from Seattle where she worked as a community involvement consultant. Tom completed a one year tour in Iraq as a civil engineer for a Defense Contractor, returning in 2004. Tom is currently active as a Boat Electric Technician. Their favorite boating experience was a trip up the Inside Passage last summer. They began their voyage with 15 other Grand Banks boats, and when the tour broke up in Wrangell, Susan & Tom extended their trip to a total of five months in Southeast Alaska & Canada, returning home in October.

Lt/C Ann Einboden, AO
Guest Speaker
First Mates Luncheon
SJIYC
May 10th
"Save Your Mate"



PRESENTATION HIGHLIGHTS

KNOW HOW AND BE ABLE TO BE ABLE TO:

1. Locate and Use:
PFD's, Flares, EPIRB, Life Sling, Charts, Plotter and GPS
2. Have a Plan:
How to get a 200 pound person aboard — Winch on Boom Winch on anchor with long line to lowest freeboard.
3. Control the Boat:
Steering, Start and Stop, Anchoring.
4. Give Information
Use the VHF radio properly
Lat./Long
Medications the victim uses (File of Life)

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Canadian counterparts in a series of inspired games. Committee Chair Fred Bowen along with A/O Carolyn Bowen have nearly completed their intricate planning for this fun event.

Squadron goals would not be complete without including the efforts of our Vessel Safety Officer Burke Critchfield and his dedicated VS Inspectors: Ed and Jan Ferro, and Susan and Rainer Eberhard. While the record set in previous years by Virgil Boyt is a daunting one, our inspired VSC team has 40 vessel examinations to date. Is there a new record in the making?

And so the year begins with some goals achieved and others in our sights, but I hope all of you feel that belonging to the Friday Harbor Power Squadron is the *right thing to do*.



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**RECAP
05 May
General Meeting
Pocket Cruise
Prevost Harbor**

ON SATURDAY MAY 5TH A FLOTILLA OF EIGHT BOATS WITH APPROXIMATELY 33 PEOPLE ON BOARD FOLLOWED A HEADING TO PREVOST HARBOR TO KICK-OFF THE FRIDAY HARBOR POWER SQUADRON'S FIRST EVER POCKET CRUISE. IN RESPONSE TO MEMBERS SUGGESTIONS THAT OUR SQUADRON HAVE ITS VERY OWN CRUISE, PLANS WERE PURSUED BY JOHN TOWSON TO ORGANIZE AN OUTING THAT WOULD NOT COMPETE WITH THE HEAVY SPRING AND SUMMER CRUISING SCHEDULES OF OTHER BOATING ORGANIZATIONS AND CLUBS. ONCE THE DATE WAS CHOSEN, IT WAS DECIDED TO LIMIT IT TO A ONE DAY AFFAIR, THUS MAKING IT EVEN EASIER FOR MEMBERS TO ATTEND.

VETERAN AND NEW MEMBERS ALIKE GATHERED ON THE DOCKS OF PREVOST HARBOR AND ENJOYED A DELICIOUS PICNIC LUNCH INCLUDING SEVERAL POUNDS OF FRESHLY STEAMED SPOTTED PRAWNS UNDER MOSTLY SUNNY SKIES. MAY'S GENERAL MEETING WAS HELD BEFORE THE GRILLS WERE FIRED UP AND NEWLY MINTED COMMANDER MARC FORLENZA OUTLINED HIS VISION OF AN EVENT PACKED YEAR WHERE MEMBERS WOULD BE ENTHUSIASTICALLY ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE. A CONTEST FOR BEST MAP OF SAN JUAN ISLAND AND BEST ESTIMATE OF DISTANCES TO SEVERAL DESTINATIONS WAS HELD WITH DAN WATSON AND THE BOWENS TAKING RESPECTIVE FIRST PLACES. THE CRENSHAW'S DONATED THE VERY ATTRACTIVE BRASS COMPASS PRIZES.

THANKS AGAIN TO JOHN TOWSON AND ALL THOSE WHO VENTURED FORTH FOR MAKING THIS, FIRST OF ITS KIND CRUISE, A SUCCESSFUL REALITY. IDEAS FOR THE NEXT CRUISE ARE BEING ACCEPTED, SO LET US HEAR ABOUT YOUR SUGGESTIONS.





AO Fred Bowen, AP



**BRENTWOOD BAY POWER SQUADRON
vs.
FRIDAY HARBOR POWER SQUADRON**

**20TH ANNUAL
PIG WAR COMPETITION**

6-8 July 2007 Port Browning Marina

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the annual Pig War with our Canadian Brentwood Bay Power Squadron brothers on July 6-8 at Port Browning, North Pender Island. Even though we love our brother/sister squadron, load your weapons (i.e. practice bocce ball and Frisbee golf), get your killer instinct honed, and work up a good appetite for a delicious smoked pork BBQ dinner. This was the highlight of last year's Power Squadron events -- it was so much fun, the US is actually hosting it back on Canadian soil -- a first!

For those of us that participated last year, we wouldn't miss it. For those who saw the pictures, you'll never miss it again. For all the rest, just take our word for it. We'll send out a flyer next month, but if you want to lock in your space now,
CALL Fred or Carolyn Bowen at 478-5445 or
EMAIL fbowen@execuserve.com.

**Change of Watch
April 5, 2007**



Once again, the annual Change of Watch on April 5 was a well attended and dignified occasion. Among those providing thanks and well wishes to outgoing Commander Crenshaw and incoming Commander Forlenza were Carolyn Black, Commander, District 16, and Barbara Erickson, Administrative Officer, District 16.

Past Commanders Hoepfner, Van Cleve, Boyt, and Smith were recognized as being present that evening, with P/C Smith receiving a Commander's Coin for achieving the high educational rank of Junior Navigator (JN).

The Outstanding Member Award was presented to P/C Smith by last year's recipient P/C Boyt. Various National and District certificates were presented by our District 16 officers to Dan Wittkopp, Lizz Divers-Smith, Ann Einboden, Commander Crenshaw, Athlene Schneider, John Towson, P/C Boyt, and P/C Smith. Commander's Coins were presented to Athlene Schneider, Jackie Scherer, Patti Crenshaw, Ed Ferro, Jan Ferro, Burke Critchfield, Denece Kost, Laura Long, David Good, John Towson, Kari Black (D16), and Barbara Erickson (D16).

The highlight of the evening was the swearing in of the new Bridge and the transfer of the Commander's Flag from Commander Crenshaw to new Commander Forlenza. P/C Crenshaw was presented with the outgoing Commander's appreciation plaque.

When those present reflected on the many accomplishments made towards the objectives that P/C Crenshaw outlined last year, we all agreed it was a very good year for our Friday Harbor Power Squadron!





YOU CAN SAIL FOR ONE DAY, CAN'T YOU? THAT'S ALL IT IS — ONE DAY AFTER ANOTHER
HARRY PIDGEON

June 2007 Celebrations

- Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Month
- Iced Tea Month
- Rose Month
- Turkey Lovers Month
- Zoo & Aquarium Month
- American Beer Month
- Flag Day 6/14
- Juggling Day 6/16
- Father's Day 6/17
- Summer Solstice 6/21
- Shavuot 6/22

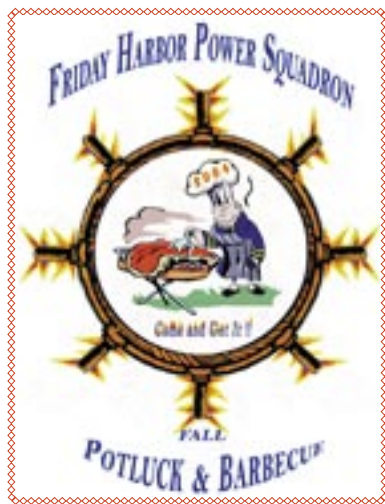


July 2007 Celebrations

- Blueberry Month
- Hot Dog Month
- Ice Cream Month
- Nat'l Park & Recreation Month
- Peach Month
- Catfish Month
- Canada Day 7/1
- Independence Day 7/4
- Running with the Bulls 7/6

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September 6th
Fall BBQ
County Park



MARK
YOUR
CALENDARS

Coming ... 12 - 14 October
DISTRICT 16 FALL CONFERENCE 2007
Arlington, WA

For further information contact
Bob Nelson
Deception Pass Squadron
360-679-1991



Guest speaker
Clyde Ford
Mystery writer and
Bellingham live-aboard
(The novels take place in
the San Juan Islands)

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, hulcs 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, clumsy & unwieldy.



The Lubber's Dictionary

MOORING

The act of bringing a boat to a complete stop in a relatively protected coastal area in such a fashion that it can be sailed away again in less than one week's time by the same number of people who moored it without heavy equipment and with no more than \$100 in repairs.



THE BILGE OF SEAFARING LORE

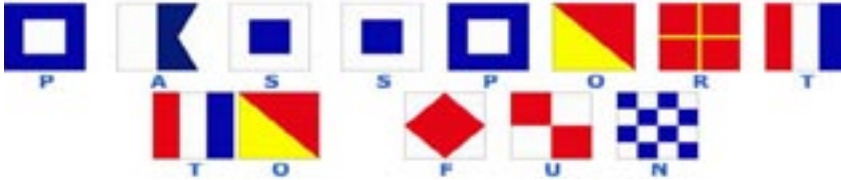
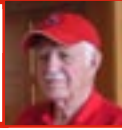


"The only record I would cherish would be for the longest circumnavigation, the most dilly-dallying on the way."
GWENDA CORNELL

COMING
SOON

VSC Report

Burke Critchfield
VSC Chair



31st Annual D/16 Rendezvous
Port of Poulsbo
22 - 24 June 2007

For further "Passport Application"
Information contact

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With Virgil Boyt retiring to Renton this year he made one last vessel check, this one for the Ferros and at the same time graded their tests for Vessel Examiner. "Yours truly" (Burke) stepped up to do this a year ago and as Supervisor for Vessel Safety Checks, I am glad to have some help to try fill the need for vessel examiners here. Hopefully, Bill Paden will soon be certified as an examiner too. Ranier and Susan Eberhard and on Orcas, Mike Paluck are also vessel examiners.

The FHPS has held a good record for vessel examinations with a goal of the number of vessel checks to equal the membership. Now with the expanding membership more VSCs are needed. Many Power Squadron members have had their boats checked for this season and also the Selene and Grand Banks rendezvous have added to the number completed so far ... **the count is nearing 50!**

Anyone who would like to have the 2007 Safety Check sticker on their boat should call Burke at 378-7235 or Ed or Jan Ferro at 378-3201.

Predicted Log Contest

It's easy & fun, no prior experience necessary

Each skipper attempts to most accurately predict the time it will take to navigate a specified course in their boat.



Sponsored by
Friday Harbor Power Squadron
Friday Harbor Sailing Club
San Juan Island Yacht Club

Saturday, June 9th

Skipper's Meeting Wed. June 6th
At SJIYC 7:30 PM

Plan on attending the Presentation of Awards and Delicious BBQ Steak Dinner at 5:30 after the event. Please contact Pat Wittkopp 378-7175 or Patti Crenshaw at 378-2244 for dinner reservations (\$18).

BBQ STEAK DINNER FOLLOWING PREDICTED LOG CONTEST

The San Juan Island Yacht Club will host a BBQ steak dinner on Saturday, June 9th, following the Predicted Log Contest.

The dinner will be provided for \$18.00 and will include steak, twiced baked potatoes, Caesar salad and dessert.

The Club will be open at 1700 and dinner will be served at 1830. Bring your own beverage.

Please RSVP to either

Pat Wittkopp, 378-7175
(danlw@rockisland.com)

or

Patti Crenshaw, 378-2244
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Flare Shoot 2007 RECAP



With the weather cooperating approximately seventy people attended the FHPS's second annual public Flare Shoot, held on Saturday May 19th at Jackson's Beach. The activities were co-sponsored by the Friday Harbor Fire Department and West Marine. FHPS Cdr. Marc Forlenza gave a brief introduction and then handed over the general supervision of activities to Flare Shoot expert Virgil Boyt, who was ably assisted by Range Officer Travis Smith, and Flare instructors Ed Ferro and Burke Critchfield. The Fire Department was commanded by Deputy Chief Frank Chaffee with the coordinated assistance of Lieutenant Susan Risser, fireman Ziam Melic, and the Fire Boat Crew.

The participants were treated to an exciting but very educational display on the proper procedures of flare and fire extinguisher use. Everyone who so desired was able to quickly douse a simulated on board fire and discharge both hand held and pistol fired flares.

The FHPS and West Marine had information tables set up for the event, with the latter's new manager Russell Sadler giving instructions on the proper fitting of life jackets while distributing 20% discount coupons for various pieces of safety equipment. The Power Squadron volunteers answered questions about membership, vessel safety checks, and boating courses, while also dispensing information about the Washington State Boaters Education Card.

John Towson, representing the Lyon's Club for a portion of the activities, dispensed valuable facts about the File for Life, a small information card that includes important personal medical information that can be easily accessed by emergency care personnel.

It was widely agreed that the hands on learning of vital life savings skills was of enormous value. Young and old alike were taught special techniques that might some day mean the difference between rescue and disaster. **This is what the Power Squadron does best... educate the public.**

Thanks again to all the volunteers including Travis Smith, Ed Ferro, Burke Critchfield Fred and Carolyn Bowen, Lizz Smith, Denece Kost, Jan Ferro, Ann Einboden, John Towson, and Virgil Boyt, who so generously gave his time and expertise to coordinate this event. A special thanks is also due Deputy Frank Chaffee who volunteered valuable Fire Department resources and personnel without which the Flare Shoot would not have happened.



United States Power Squadrons Ensign



The United States Power Squadrons (USPS) ensign has a red canton containing 13 white stars surrounding a fouled anchor. The remainder of the flag contains thirteen vertical blue and white stripes. ***If you are an active member of USPS and in command of the vessel, you may fly this ensign.***

Where and When to Fly Your USPS Ensign

Officer Flag, Private Signal or USCGA Ensign

Club or Squadron Burgee

USPS Ensign

U.S. Ensign



The preferred location to fly the USPS ensign is the starboard yardarm or spreader halyard. It may be worn there day and night. While in U.S. waters, you may display the USPS ensign instead of the national ensign, and in any position and at any time appropriate to fly the national ensign.

Note however: If you display the USCGA Aux (blue) ensign simultaneously with the USPS ensign, do not fly the USPS ensign in lieu of the national ensign -- fly it in addition to the national ensign, or do not fly it at all.

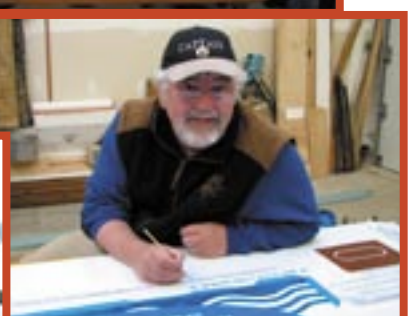


Life Jacket Loaner Station
Kids Don't Float

On May 24th the Life Jacket Loaner Station for children was installed on the main ramp at the Port of Friday Harbor by members of the FHPS. The purpose is to make available PFD's to those children who don't have life jackets while on the dock or who will be boating for the day. Users are expected to return the PFD's when they have finished using them. Sammy Long and Ed Ferro collaborated brilliantly on the building of the display while Jan Ferro beautifully designed and hand painted the art work. The entire project was sponsored in conjunction with the Port of Friday Harbor and San Juan Island EMS Injury Prevention Coordinator Lainey Volk. The Loaner Station will offer PFD's from May to September and provides a much needed public service.



Hat's off to the volunteers who donated their time and effort to this worthwhile endeavor!



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Thank You!



Lizz Divers-Smith
Editor

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Predicted Log Contest/Dinner
SJIYC
22nd - 24th
D/16 Rendezvous
Poulsbo, WA
- JULY**
6th - 8th
Annual Pig War Battle
Port Browning
- SEPTEMBER**
4th 1300
ExCom Meeting - Library
6th 1800
Fall BBQ - General Meeting
County Park
- OCTOBER**
2nd 1300
ExCom Meeting - Library
4th 1800
Potluck General Meeting
Grange Hall
12th - 14th
D/16 Fall Conference
Arlington, WA