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Commander's Message Cdr Marc A. Forlenza, AP

Was there a summer this year? The weather seemed to alternate between imitations of late April and a few days of real summer. All I know is that my yearly average of 200 hours of boating time was reduced to less than 50! Blame the weather, blame the cost of fuel but the result is that I miss those extra hours of cruising the beautiful waters that surround this northwest piece of paradise.

So if you happen to be like myself and have 150 hours of theoretically unused cruising time, how else could those hours be put to good ol' nautical use.....? The answer of course, is to become more active in the Friday Harbor Power Squadron. This includes taking one or more of those advanced courses that some of you think may be too difficult to pass. Every course I've taken in the last 3 years has always begun by producing a bit of the jitters, but with the patient teaching of our instructors plus the grand camaraderie and support of the other class members the courses amazingly morph into truly enjoyable learning experiences.

If classes don't fit your schedule then there is always a need for an additional helping hand, whether it be setting up tables at the Grange or volunteering to become a committee member for



*Shipping out to Argentina
At Age 5*

one of the various in house groups that keep our Squadron humming along. In this regard a unique Committee Fair will be presented at our Fall Picnic which will explain the myriad ways you can join in and help. Don't forget about the seasonal USPS Conferences that are great opportunities to learn more about the inner workings of the USPS on a District and National level.

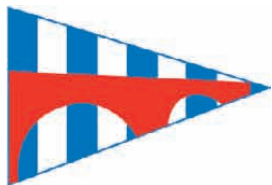
Whether you challenge yourself by taking a new course or find a few hours to help out, the upcoming Fall and Spring Schedules will again be full of interesting presentations, fact packed courses and warm social gatherings that will once again prove that **being a member of the FHPS is the right thing to do.**



Educational Department

Lt/C Ann Einboden, AP SEO

SEO Report - August 2007



COMING SOON !

**Fall Conference
October 12 - 13**

**Hosted by the
Deception Pass Sail
and Power Squadron**

**Hawthorne Inn & Spa
Arlington, WA**

Since this event is relatively close to Anacortes, it would be a good opportunity for those who have never attended a Conference to do so!

Congratulations to our new "Seaman": Burke Critchfield, Ed Ferro, Jan Ferro, Diane Giesy, Bill Giesy, Jean Griffin, Mike Griffin, Bruce Hall, Bob Jamieson, Dan Pollard, David Ralston, and Mary WillAllen. Also, many kudos to Cdr Marc Forlenza, Dianne Hall and John Kalbert, who by passing Seamanship can now officially call themselves "Advanced Pilots", having previously passed Piloting and Advanced Piloting. The rules are that you can't fully claim the AP until passing both Piloting and Seamanship. Many "Thanks" to Cdr Marc Forlenza and P/C Ron Crenshaw for assisting with this class.

We are hoping to offer a Piloting class in the late fall. Anyone interested, please let me know.

The Fall Basic Boating class will be held at the San Juan Island Yacht Club, starting Sept. 18th. This will be the full 6 week class, including both paper and electronic navigation. If you know someone new to boating or who wishes to qualify for the Boater Education Card, please have them contact me or P/C Travis Smith, to register. The cost will be \$40.00, and materials can be shared by a couple.

We have the following software upgrades for sale at these terrific prices:

Microsoft Professional Office Plus 2007	\$20.00	(These first 3 alone, are worth \$788.00 retail).
Microsoft Publisher 2007	\$ 7.00	
Streets & Trips 2007	\$ 2.00	
Windows XP Professional w/service Pak2	\$22.00	
Microsoft Office Professional 2003	\$20.00	
Microsoft Office Frontpage 2003	\$12.00	

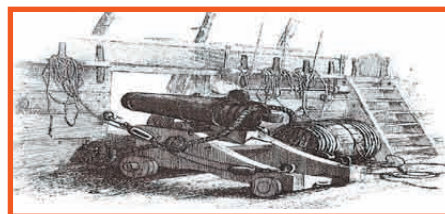
We also continue to receive discounts on Dell PC's (10%), Nobeltec navigation software (25%), McGraw Hill books and more. Visit the www.usps.org website for more information, and/or give me a call to order any of our software and for more information on discounts.

Seafaring Words In Everyday Speech

LOOSE CANNON ...

(recklessly and dangerously out of control)

When cannons on a wooden warship broke loose from their restraining tackle, they posed a serious threat to life and limb as they crashed into personnel and through bulkheads. In 1545, as Henry VIII's great ship the *Mary Rose* sailed out of Portsmouth harbor to engage the French fleet, she was flooded through her lower gunports. When she began to list sharply to starboard and her twenty heavy guns began to break free from their carriages, the fate of the *Mary Rose* was sealed. As an incredulous King Henry watched from a nearby promontory, the pride of his fleet sank quickly to the bottom with a loss of nearly all hands.



The days pass
happily with me
wherever my
ship sails.

JOSHUA SLOCUM



Membership Department
John Towson - Chairman



JOHN TOWSON has become the official Chairman of the Membership Committee. We all thank John who has a busy schedule for volunteering to take on this added responsibility.



**August, September
and October
Birthdays**

August

Don Kauffman	3rd
Jan Ferro	6th
Dan Wittkopp	9th
Pat Wittkopp	9th
Barry Boyce	13th
Frank Penwell	14th
Frank Hudson	25th
Ron Crenshaw	26th
Jane Cable	29th

September

Rick Benedict	1st
Nancy Stark	8th
Greta Duvall	13th
Susan Eberhard	13th
Bill Weissinger	13th
Mary Watson	15th
Nouridine Jensen	17th
Floyd Cornett	24th
Angela DeGavre	27th
Steven Billmyer	30th
Michael Couey	30th

October

Yvonne Powell	4th
Helsa Tong	6th
Rudi Weissinger	16th
Travis Smith	23rd
Daniel Watson	23rd
David Woodall	24th
Sara Hudson	26th
Bob Bennett	29th
Donald Madsen	29th
Rebbie Bates	29th
Robert DeGavre	31st



ELAINE GIFFORD

Elaine hasn't been boating since she parted from her husband in 1988. They boated on the Sacramento River and the Delta in CA. Every year from 1976 to 1988 they would tow their Bayline Flybridge to the San Juan's for fishing. Elaine's parents lived on San Juan Island since 1959. She visited with them every year starting 1968. They both died here and all Elaine could think of was living in the San Juan's. Her wishes were answered and she moved to Friday Harbor in 1998 after retiring from the CA Dept. of Corrections (29 years as Secretary and 5 years as a Correction Officer). When friends gave Elaine a 15 foot Runabout to get back into boating she completed the Power Squadron Boat Smart Course and the Fundamentals of Weather Class last year. Elaine's hobbies are walking, oil painting, reading, playing with her two dogs and volunteering at the Senior Center. She is the Chaplain of the American Legion Auxillary and a member of the Grange.

DEAN MACK

Graduate, U.C.L.A. School of Engineering. Served as U.S. Naval Officer. Career in Silicon Valley (CA) over 35 years in the founding and managing of numerous high technology companies. Retired to SJI in 2001. Stays busy with boating, gardening, volunteer work, travel and keeping in touch with children and grand children. Dean had an interesting story to share with me: "While in the Navy I was assigned as an Engineering Repair Officer to work on a submarine undergoing sea trials off Guantanamo Bay. We were surfaced and unable to dive due to mechanical problems when we were caught in a major hurricane. We tossed and rolled for many hours, leaving me with a lifetime respect for the awesome power of the sea!"

PAUL AND HEIDI BROWARD

Paul and Heidi live on their boat, the Maverick, in the Friday Harbor Marina. The Maverick is a 49 foot trawler fishing boat. They drove the boat here from San Francisco last September. Paul is a 20 year pilot and Heidi is a massage therapist and a professional organizer consultant. They have completed the CA Boating Safety and the FHPS Boat Safety Courses. Paul had some boating experience before Maverick. He has done the SF - Seattle run several times with a different boat. Together they have done a few years of boating around the SF Bay and Monterey area before coming to the San Juans. They have been rebuilding the Maverick for 14 years. They lived on the boat for 7 years, then worked in a boat yard for 3-1/2 years, Heidi full time and Paul full time whenever he was home, then back in the water and working aboard for the last five years. Lots of pictures and more stories forthcoming at the "show and tell" with Paul and Heidi at one of our meetings this Fall. Another favorite boating story will be how the Broward's almost died off of Cape Mendocino — How NOT to cruise. Their favorite hobbies are watching movies, dinkin' around, building things, kissing cats, kayaking and boating.



Maverick

**October Potluck
General Meeting**

**4 October 2007
1800 Grange Hall**



Please bring your utensils, plates, favorite beverage and dish to share as follows:
 A - F Salad or Hors D'oeuvres
 G - L Dessert
 M - Z Entree

AO Fred Bowen, AP



PIG WAR A HUGE SUCCESS

The July 6-7 Pig War rendezvous with the Canadian Brentwood Bay Power Squadron at Port Browning was the best attended such event in modern times—**20 boats!** Sadly, the Canadians won the war (which was just fine since we had won it the past three years) with great skill and enthusiasm. It always comes down to the last throw in the bocce ball contest!

The weather was perfect as was the venue, the food was delicious (well, maybe the pig was a little overcooked, but nobody died as a result of it!), and the fun and comradery with our Canadian colleagues was the very best. See the pictures in this newsletter to see what you missed if you weren't there. **As for the war—there's always next year.....**

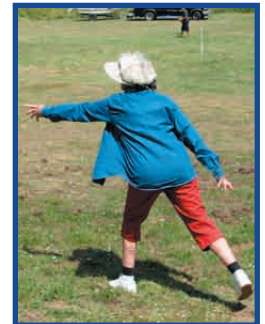
Having the Canadians win this year's Pig War was an invigorating experience for both Squadrons. It keeps the FHPS from resting on its laurels, and it infused Brentwood Bay with new enthusiasm for maintaining a vibrant boating organization.

It may be a cliché but winning is not the ultimate goal, it is promoting the camaraderie of our two Squadrons. *Three cheers for our Canadian friends and thanks again to Fred and Carolyn Bowen for doing a masterful job of organizing such a fun filled event.*





Let the Games Begin !!



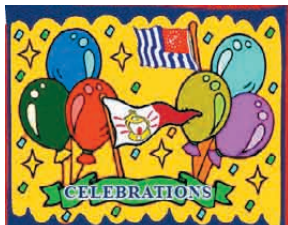


I CANNOT NOT SAIL.

E.B. WHITE

September 2007 Celebrations

- Classical Music Month
- Coupon Month
- Honey Month
- Jazz Month
- Little League Month
- Nat'l Hispanic Heritage Month
- Nat'l Hunting & Fishing Month
- Apple Month
- Book Month
- Labor Day 9/3
- Grandparents Day 9/9
- Ramadan 9/13
- Donut Day 9/14
- National POW/Mia Recognition Day 9/21
- Yom Kippur 9/21
- Oktoberfest 9/27



October 2007 Celebrations

- Computer Learning Month
- Country Music Month
- Dessert Month
- Dinosaur Month
- German American Heritage Mo.
- National Cookie Month
- Pasta Month
- Vegetarian Month
- Seafood Month
- AIDS Awareness Month
- Columbus Day 10/12
- Bosses Day 10/16
- United Nations Day 10/24
- Navy Day 10/27
- Halloween 10/31



Our hired chef could have overcooked the pork since he was looking at the traditionally flown kite and wondering what it would be like to be as high as that kite!



The Winner's Grand Prize
Well, maybe next year ???

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NEXT YEAR DON'T MISS THE 21ST ANNUAL PIG WAR COMPETITION

MISSION "NOT IMPOSSIBLE" TO RECLAIM THE PIG WAR TROPHY

BE THERE!

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The Lubber's Dictionary

BASIC OR STRIPPED BOAT

A term commonly used by boatbuilders and salesmen to describe what is specifically covered in the advertised price of a boat. The basic boat normally consists of several hundred gallons of fiberglass resins and glue, a hundred or so sheets of marine plywood, a ton or more of lead and steel, a sewing kit, and an instruction book. By contrast, the basic boat with options and in "sailaway condition" — a somewhat more expensive proposition — boasts a host of convenient extras, such as a deck, a cabin, an engine, a galley, an anchor, a tiller or wheel, a rudder, and a cockpit; and sails, spars, rigging, fittings, and portholes.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

PLEASE JOIN US!
San Juan County Park
Wednesday
5 September 2007
1700
Annual Fall BBQ

This will be our Annual Fall BBQ and first business meeting following the summer break. Please bring your own entrée to BBQ, beverages, dinnerware and an appetizer or dessert to share. Complimentary side dishes will be provided. New at

this year's event will be a "Committee Fair" with some of your fellow squadron members representing the various committees with quick overviews and ways you can get involved with your energy and creative ideas. Some of the committees that will be represented include Planning, Membership, Member Involvement, Education, and Safety. Hope to see you there!

Please notify Carolyn at carolyn@execuserve.com or call 378-5445 if you plan to attend.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

Check from Roche Harbor Resort for \$775.00

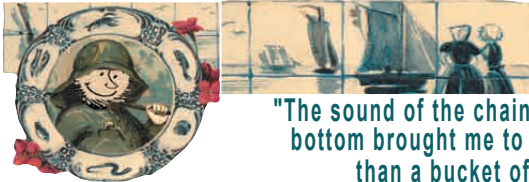


FHPS Constructs Second PFD Station for Roche Harbor

Having seen the success of the Port of Friday Harbor PFD display Kevin at Roche Harbor decided the Resort would benefit equally from such a worthy addition to their docks. Ed and Jan Ferro agreed to recreate the display they constructed with Sammy Long for the original Life Jacket stand at the port of Friday Harbor and Commander Marc Forlenza was able to negotiate the sum of \$775 to cover the cost of materials leaving nearly \$600 to add to the coffers of the FHPS. Jan and Ed's work is a true masterpiece and once Roche Harbor erects the display everyone should go and see it. The FHPS thanks Roche Harbor, Kevin Carlton, and Ed and Jan Ferro for their generosity of time and expense in making this second display a reality.



THE BILGE OF SEAFARING LORE



"The sound of the chain dragging along the bottom brought me to my senses quicker than a bucket of cold water."
 E.A. PYE



SKIPPER
 Travis Smith

OBSERVER
 Bill Paden

VESSEL
 TIN LIZZY

RESULTS

1st Place Power
 1st Place Overall

Marc Forlenza

Dave Vandaveer

WATERFOX

2nd Place Power

Jim Corenman

Dick Shorett

WONKO

3rd Place Power

Dan Wittkopp

Denece Kost

ALQUAMIE

1st Place Sail

Fred Hoepfner

Bob Query

MARIANA

Sail

Rich Peterson

Wayne Aldo

SWEET THURSDAY 11

Power

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Thank You!



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ENJOY !

COMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

4th 1300

ExCom Meeting - Library
5th 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

NOVEMBER

6TH 1300

ExCom Meeting - Library
8TH 1800
Potluck General Meeting
Grange Hall