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Cdr. Fred W. Bowen, AP

In my first Harbor Lights Message (May 2008), I acknowledged our new Bridge and Executive Committee, as well as our Membership Chair, John Towson, who was selected as the Squadron's MVP for the previous year. Other key players this year are: Dave Cable, Membership Involvement Chair; Burke Critchfield, Vessel Safety Check Chair; Toni Bailey, Ship's Store; Ron Einboden, Squadron Law Officer; Ron Crenshaw, Operations Training and Cooperative Charting Chair; Ann Einboden, Public Boating Chair and recently elected to the Executive Committee; Ed Ferro, Squadron Safety Officer; and Steve Percer, Port Captain. Of special note because of their recent very visible contributions are Lizz Divers-Smith, our Harbor Lights Editor; and Dave Good, Squadron Webmaster, who has just finished a completely new and outstanding website (see article in this newsletter). The rest of the team are: Ron Crenshaw, Asst. Educational Officer; Kathy Marshall, Asst. Administrative Officer; Penny Woodall, Asst. Secretary; and Joyce Ragsdale, Asst. Treasurer. Please thank these wonderful volunteers when you see them. It takes a dedicated and talented team to provide our many exceptional services.

Since my last message, we've had a successful public Flare Shoot, as a part of National Boating Safety Week (thanks to P/C Marc Forlenza, Ed Ferro, and others), a Predicted Log

contest (thanks to P/C Fred Hoepfner and team), and another fabulous Pig War and rendezvous with the Canadian Brentwood Bay Power Squadron (thanks to XO Carolyn Bowen and the Brentwood Bay Squadron volunteers). Brentwood Bay retained the trophy, but we killed them in bocce ball — sweet victory! Next year we host the Pig War on American soil. *Let's go get them!*

Our Educational Officer, P/C Travis Smith, continues to make us proud and recognized by other district squadrons through his role as the District 16 Treasurer. He represented us at the recent District Education Conference (along with Ann Einboden) and at the District 16 Rendezvous at Poulsbo a few weeks ago. Thanks Travis and Lizz.

So much for a summer off, huh? What's next?

Well, it's time to start thinking about our Pocket Cruise on September 13 to Blakely Island. This idea was YOUR idea as a way to allow non boat owners in the Squadron to participate in on-water activities and join first hand in boating safety and education lessons. Dave Cable is heading up that event and you'll read more from him in this issue. We will be matching up non boat owner crews for boats making the trip. Most importantly, we want you to know we are listening to our members and paying attention to what you want out of your Squadron.

Have a safe and enjoyable remainder of your summer. See you on September 13.





Educational Department

D/Lt/C Travis Smith, JN

SEO Report - July 2008

With six newly USPS Certified Instructors, Ann Einboden and I will be receiving lots of additional help presenting educational courses this coming fall, winter, and spring. We have established a good selection of up-coming courses which should interest all squadron members.

We will kick off the fall program with two courses being offered, starting in September. Ann will be giving our basic Squadron Boating Course which is scheduled to start on Tuesday, September 23 and run for six consecutive Tuesday evenings. Hopefully, we will be able to utilize the facilities of the Middle school Commons again due to the large number of students we have experienced wanting to complete this course in order to receive their Washington State Boater's Safety card.

Also in September we will offer Seamanship which is the first Advance Grade Course in the series for Piloting, Advance Piloting, Junior Navigation and Navigation. Seamanship is scheduled to start on Wednesday evening, September 17, and will be held at the San Juan Island Yacht Club. The course will cover basic deck seamanship, marlinspike, anchoring and rafting, basic boat care and maintenance, along with nautical customs and etiquette. This is an excellent class to complete if you are a new boat owner or new to boating in the San Juan Islands and B.C. The Seamanship course will run for nine consecutive weeks.

We will follow with Piloting in November for members who have completed Seamanship and want to develop their basic navigation skills covering chart plotting, coastal/inland navigation, and GPS usage. We plan to offer a couple of the USPS elective courses in early 2009, which will include Sail and Marine Electronics, along with Advance Piloting. We have several great courses scheduled for the coming year along with a group of knowledgeable and enthusiastic instructors who are anxious to share their skills so note on your calendars the course dates and contact either myself, Ron Crenshaw, or Ann Einboden to assure you have signed up the desired course.

NEWS From Boat U.S.

Boat Owners Association of The United States
880 S. Pickett St., Alexandria, VA 22304
Boat U.S. News Room at <http://www.BoatUS.com/news/releases.asp>



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Press Contact: Margaret Podlich, 703-461-2878 x8355, MPodlich@BoatUS.com

CONGRESS RESTORES 35-YEAR EXEMPTION FOR RECREATIONAL BOATS FROM PROPOSED EPA PERMITTING REQUIREMENTS

NO NEW PERMIT FOR BOATS REQUIRED

ALEXANDRIA, VA, July 22, 2008 - In a remarkable display of bipartisan support for recreational boating, both the House and Senate today passed S. 2766, "The Clean Boating Act of 2008" which will permanently restore a long-standing exemption for recreational boats from permitting requirements under the Clean Water Act. The legislation now goes to the White House for the President's signature.

Congressional action was spawned by a U.S. District Court decision in September 2006 under which an estimated 17 million recreational boats would have fallen under Clean Water Act permit requirements effective September 30, 2008. The permit would have dictated maintenance and operation procedures and potentially subjected boaters to citizen lawsuits as well as a penalty system designed for industrial polluters.

"This is a fabulous victory for common sense and it just goes to show what can be done when the boating public, the marine industry and its representatives in Congress row together in a bipartisan way," said BoatU.S. President Nancy Michelman.

Boat U.S. Government Affairs Director Margaret Podlich was quick to shower praise on a boatload of legislators who did much of the heavy lifting including Sens. Bill Nelson (D-FL) and Barbara Boxer (D-CA) and Representatives Jim Oberstar (D-MN), Steve LaTourette (R-OH), Candice Miller (R-MI) and Gene Taylor (D-MS). A complete listing of all legislators involved will be available at <http://www.BoatUS.com/gov> soon.

Boat U.S. has worked for more than a year with the National Marine Manufacturers Association and a broad coalition of stakeholders to resolve the problem before the permitting deadline.

"One of the real keys to success here was our collective ability to activate the grassroots," said Podlich, noting that tens of thousands of letters and e-mails were generated by boaters and anglers over the course of the past 12 months.

Boat U.S. is the nation's leading advocate for recreational boat owners with over 650,000 members.

FRIDAY HARBOR POWER SQUADRON WEBSITE

Good news and better news! We now have a NEW website completed and online. That's the good news - the better news is that you can now remember the web address:

www.FridayHarborPowerSquadron.com

Yes, that is a lot to type, but you can remember it, and once you've typed it, just bookmark the address and that is all there is to it!

Our goal is to turn the website into a useful tool that we will all come to rely on - a gathering place for Squadron announcements, news, information, policy, and of course, pictures of members, their boats, and events.

Pages are devoted to Membership, Education, Vessel Safety Check, Calendar of Events, Squadron Directory, Newsletter, Member Roster, Member Boats, Ships Store, Useful Links, and Squadron Archives.

The "Squadron Archives" is a new area intended to be a repository for all of our "creations" during the years. All will be available online, for research, refreshment, or just plain reminiscing. Need past minutes, event pictures, or an old newsletter? They will be there for you.

To accomplish the goal of website usefulness, it might go without saying, but the site needs to be used. Please get in the habit of checking in often. The "Squadron Announcements" section of the home page is a good place to start. We will endeavor to keep this current and relevant.

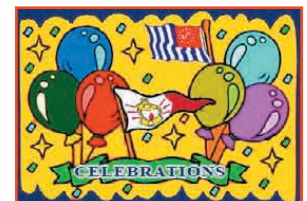
Check out all the beautiful boats on the "Members Boats" page. If yours isn't displayed, please email a favorite picture to:

webmaster@fridayharborpowersquadron.com

Remember this is our website, let me know if you have changes, additions, and of course any corrections!

David Good
FHPS Webmaster

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Friday Harbor Power Squadron website. At the top, it says "Friday Harbor Power Squadron" and "a Unit of United States Power Squadrons (USPS) Sail and Power Boating". There is a logo featuring a ship's wheel with a flag. Below that, it says "Boating is fun... We'll show you how!" and "America's Boating Club". A navigation menu on the left includes: Home, About Us, Education, Vessel Safety Check, Membership, Calendar of Events, Squadron Directory, Newsletter, and Location. The main content area has a red-bordered box with the text: "SQUADRON NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS", "THIS WEBSITE IS NOW ACTIVE - BUT STILL UNDER CONSTRUCTION PLEASE CHECK BACK OFTEN - (UPDATES WILL BE POSTED)", "DON'T FORGET THE PIG WAR!!!", and "EMAIL A PICTURE OF YOUR BOAT TO THE SQUADRON WEBMASTER FOR THE 'MEMBERS BOAT' PAGE". Below this, there is a section titled "An introduction from Squadron Commander Bower" and "Because You Asked . . ." with a small photo of a man in a uniform and some text.



JULY CELEBRATIONS

Canada Day 7/1
Independence Day 7/4
Running with the Bulls 7/6
Bastille Day 7/16
Chrysanthemum Day 7/18
Salad Week 7/25
Blueberry Month
Hot Dog Month
Ice Cream Month
National Park & Rec Month
Peact Month
Catfish Month

AUGUST CELEBRATIONS

Watermelon Day 8/3
Friendship Day 8/5
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National Aviation Day 8/19
Chicken Month
Eye Exam Month

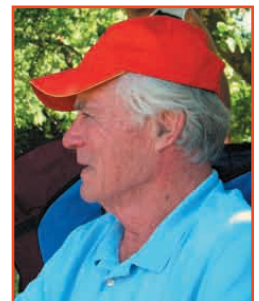
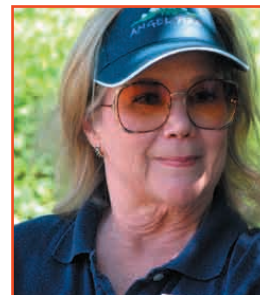
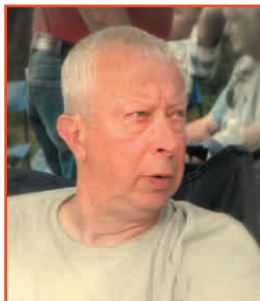
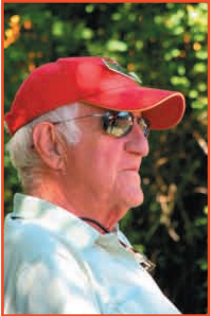
21st Annual Pig War
Brentwood Bay Power Squadron vs Friday Harbor Power Squadron
11 - 13 July 2008, Port Browning Marina



XO Carolyn Bowen, P

The 2008 Pig War competition was well attended under clear, sunny skies. The battlefield was evenly matched with each team arriving with ten boats and about 25 to 30 warriors for each side. Our Canadian hosts, Past Commanders Len Fallon and Peter Simpson, did a truly outstanding job of organizing the event which concluded with a delicious pork dinner with all the trimmings followed by a brief awards ceremony. Cdr. Fred Bowen was presented a nice plaque with a meaningful inscription acknowledging the value of international friendship between the organizations with a common purpose to do good for the boating safety and educational community. While we did not come home with the trophy this year, we can be very proud of our team. We won the bocce ball game but came up short in another field game and the very challenging trivia quiz, thereby, coming up slightly behind in overall point tally.

We'll get them next year, team!





Is this the latest dance craze ????



... UNTIL NEXT YEAR !!



July and August BIRTHDAYS

JULY

- Carolyn Bowen
- Gregg Dietzman
- Ann Einboden
- Donald Granger
- Bruce Hall
- Susan Nielsen
- David Ralston
- Judy Sear
- James Spillane
- Laura Spillane
- Bruce Westmiller

AUGUST

- Barry Boyce
- Paul Broward
- Jane Cable
- Ron Crenshaw
- David Duvall
- Jan Ferro
- Charles Hudson
- Don Kauffman
- Georgia Paden
- Frank Penwell
- Dan Wittkopp

THE BILGE OF SEAFARING LORE



"Most of us, I suppose, are a little nervous of the sea. No matter what its smiles may be, we doubt its friendship."

H. M. TOMLINSON



Pillage & Plunder
POULSBO

RECAP
The "Big" District 16 Rendezvous
Poulsbo - June 27-29
70 boats in the pirates fleet!



D/Lt/C Travis Smith, JN

Lizz and I had the honor of representing FHPS at the annual District 16 Rendezvous at Poulsbo during June 27-29. There were seventy boats and around 215 members representing the seventeen Squadrons scattered throughout Washington. The large numbers of boats took complete control of E and F docks at the Port of Poulsbo Marina. This was the third straight year District 16 has used Poulsbo for the venue so you might say the town has become to know something about USPS's mission. The theme for the Rendezvous this year was Pirates of the Caribbean, with just about every boat flying a "jolly roger" of some type along with a Pirates' Parade on Saturday afternoon up and down the docks. I'm sure a few tourists on the docks will not forget how much fun everyone was having in their pirate costumes. The event was very festive and gave you an excellent opportunity to check out other member's boats and share their "grog." We had the pleasure of meeting and building friendships with several other District 16 Power Squadron members over the three days while there.

If you have never attended a District 16 Rendezvous, I certainly recommend it if you are looking for a weekend to meet lots of great people, make new friends, and sample numerous kinds of "grog." I'm sure Lizz and I will be back again for the 2009 Rendezvous which incidentally is already being planned for the Port of Poulsbo again.

With the weather being just perfect during the latter part of June, we decided to spend a week just cruising Puget Sound. Somehow we tend to neglect the wonderful cruising opportunities to the south of us. Lots of great places to anchor, along with clean and mostly empty marinas during the summer months (they're all up in the San Juans), so you usually have a selection of which dock or slip you prefer to tie up to. After leaving Poulsbo, we stopped at Bell Harbor, Winslow, Bremerton, Edmonds, Oak Harbor, and Point Hudson (Port Townsend) while gunk holing "down sound." Hope to have a larger FHPS representation for next year's Rendezvous joining us.

Seafaring Words In Everyday Speech

Braced Up . . . (under control)

In a square-rigged ship, braces are two opposing sets of lines that control the swing of the yards, and from which sails are hung. A sail is "braced up" when it is drawn taut in order to sail as close to the wind as possible. Ashore, an individual is said to be "braced up" when tensed in preparation for a figurative or literal blow. In Leigh Hunt's 1847 collection of essays, memoirs, and uncollected prose entitled *Men, Women, and Books*, he used the expression in its colloquial form: "would to heaven his nerves had been as braced up as his face."



The following *edited* letter was sent to the U.S. Pacific Fleet on 1 January 1947 by Admiral J. H. Towers with his comments and admonitions to the fleet regarding conduct and responsibilities of a Commanding Officer at sea. The import of his message (actually a directive) applies equally to those of us operating pleasure crafts.

From: Commander in Chief Pacific and U.S. Pacific Fleet.
To: PACIFIC FLEET
Subject: Hazarding Ships to Injury or Loss from Heavy Weather.

1. On 16 December 1944, vessels of the Pacific Fleet, operating in support of the invasion of the Philippines in an area about 300 miles east of Luzon, ere caught near the center of a typhoon of extreme violence. Three destroyers capsized and went down with practically all hands. Serious damage was sustained by a light cruiser, three small carriers, three escort carriers and three destroyers. Lesser damage was sustained by at least 19 other vessels from heavy cruisers down to escort vessels. Fires occurred on three carriers when planes were smashed in their hangars; and some 146 planes on various ships were lost or damaged beyond economical repair by the fires, by being smashed up, or by being swept overboard. About 790 officers and men were lost or killed, and 80 were injured. Several surviving destroyers reported rolling 70 degrees or more; and we can only surmise how close this was to capasizing completely for some of them. It was the greatest loss taken in the Pacific without compensatory return since the First Battle of Savo.

4. The following conditions were typical during the typhoon:

- (a) Visibility zero to a thousand yards.
- (b) Ships not merely rolling, but heeled far over continually by the force of the wind, thus, leaving them very little margin for further folling leeward.
- (c) Water being taken in quantity through ventilators, blower intakes, and every topside opening.
- (d) Switchboards and electrical machinery of all kinds shorted and drowned out, with fires from short circxuits. Main distribution board in engine room shorted by steam moisture when all topside openings were closed to keep out water.
- (e) Free water up to two or three feet over engines or fireroom floor plates, and in many other compartments. It apparently all came in from above; there is no evidence of ships' seams parting.
- (f) Loss of steering control, failure of power and lighting, and stopage of main propulsion plant. Loss of radar and of all ability to communicate.
- (g) Planes on carriers going adrift, crashing into each other, and starting fires.
- (h) Wind velocities and seas that carried away masts, stacks, boats, davits, and deck structures generally, and made it impossible for men to secure gear that had gone adrift, or to jettison or strike below topside weights when the necessity had become apparent. Men could not even stay up where they would have a chance of getting clear of the ship.
- (i) Maneuvering up to the time of sinking, in the attempt to maintain station, by all ships that were lost. One destroyer, saved by apparently a narrow margin, had given up attempting to maintain station.
- (j) The storm "taking charge" and making impossible various evasive and security measures which might have been effective at an earlier stage.
- (k) Ships lost took a long roll to leeward, varying from 50 degrees to 80 degrees, hung there a little while, and then went completely over, floating a short time before going down.

16. Both seniors and juniors must realize that in bad weather, safety and fatal hazard are not separated by any sharp boundary line, but shade gradually from one into the other. there is no little red light which is going to flash on and inform commanding officers or higher commanders that from then on there is extreme danger from the weather, and that measures for ships's safety must now take precedence over further efforts to keep up with the formation or to execute the assigned task. This time will always be a matter of personal judgment. Naturally no commander is going to cut thin the margin between staying afloat and foundering, but he may nevertheless unwittingly pass the danger point even though no ship is yet in extremis. Ships that keep on going as long as the severity of wind and sea has not yet come close to capsizing them or breaking them in two, may nevertheless become helpless to avoid these catastrophes later if things get worse. By then they may be unale to steer any heading but in the trough of the sea, or may have their steering control, lighting, communications, and main propulsion disable, or may be helpless to secure gear on deck or to jettison topside weights. The time for taking all measures for a ship's safety is while still able to do so. Nothing is more dangerous than for a seaman to be grudging in taking precautions lest they turn out to have been unnecessary. Safety at sea demands exactly the opposite philosophy.



Friday Harbor Power Squadron

POCKET CRUISE

Fall General Meeting for All Members
With or Without Boats

CRUISE TO BLAKELY ISLAND MARINA Saturday, September 13th



This is an opportunity for our members with boats to invite those fellow Squadron members without boats to enjoy a day (or day and night) on the water and for them to participate as crew to use their boat handling and navigation skills. Please indicate on the "Clip & Mail" if you need a ride and we will pair you up if you haven't done so already.

Route and Navigation rules Contest (educational) to be announced later!
There will be a prize awarded to the winner!

We have 15 slips reserved. (They only have 20) There is a cabana with BBQ grills so you chefs can do your thing. You may stay overnight, if you wish - the cost is the same: \$1.20 per foot for the day (which includes an overnight stay) payable to the Marina. So please complete the attached "Clip and Mail" and send to me ASAP, but no later than July 30th.

CLIP & MAIL

NAME(S) _____

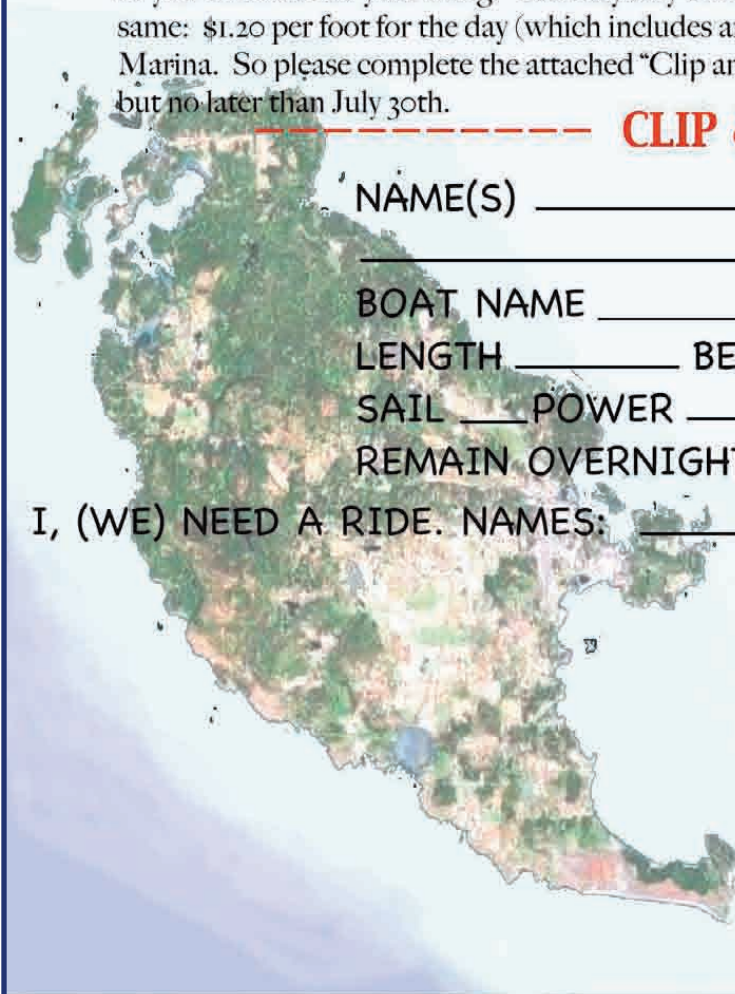
BOAT NAME _____

LENGTH _____ BEAM _____ DRAFT _____

SAIL _____ POWER _____

REMAIN OVERNIGHT? YES _____ NO _____

I, (WE) NEED A RIDE. NAMES: _____



Please return this "Clip & Mail" with your boat's information to assure your moorage is reserved. You will pay your moorage fee directly to the Blakely Marina upon arrival.

Assignments for the Potluck and route for the Navigation Rules Contest will be under separate cover.

Please mail, send by fax or e-mail, this "Clip & Mail" to:

Dave Cable,
173 Golf Course Road
Friday Harbor, WA 98250

Phone: 370-5056
Fax: 370-5696
e-mail: dcable@rockisland.com

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VESSEL INSPECTIONS

We have now reached a level of 83 inspections but our goal is to do at least the number equal to the number of members we have in the squadron. We need your help and appreciate all your help in the past. Andrea Douglas has passed the written test and will become an inspector when she completes five assisted inspections and becomes fully qualified. Please telephone us. Thank you. Burke



VSC Report

Burke Critchfield
VSC Chair

Ed Ferro, P FHPS Safety Officer



Now that we are into the summer boating season, let's keep wearing our life jackets and practice good safety on the water.

Figures from the U.S. Coast Guard show boating fatalities for the 2007 year dropped to the lowest in three years. Good News! The downside is over two-thirds of those fatalities, were drowning, where ninety percent were not wearing a life jacket.

The number of injuries, accidents and property damage rose significantly. Basically the top causes rarely change, alcohol use, operator inattention, reckless operation, and passenger or skier behavior are the contributing factors.

As reported in an article in the Boat U.S., July issue, when boater education was available three-fourths of fatalities were on vessels where the operator had no boater safety instruction. As boat owners we need to continue to better ourselves in safe and sane practices on the water. Remember always do the right thing even when no one is watching. Be Safe....

PROPANE TANKS

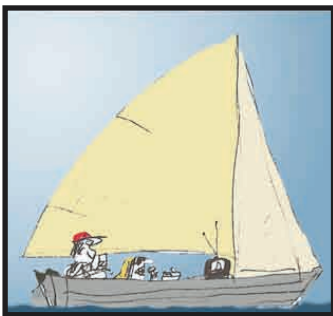
(Courtesy of P/C Fred Hoepfner)

Meth cooks are getting propane tanks from exchanges and emptying them of the propane. Then, they are filling them with anhydrous ammonia. After they are finished with them, they are returning them to the store. The brass valve in the propane cylinder will be damaged if it comes in contact with anhydrous



ammonia. This deterioration will lead to cracking of the body or its components and can ultimately result in a violent, unexpected expulsion of the valve from the cylinder, causing personal injury or death. Affected cylinders will have a blue or greenish residue on the valve; do not accept these cylinders. Check this website for more details: www.npga.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=529.

A SAILOR'S DICTIONARY



Cockpit

Low enclosed space at the stern where the boat is steered away from the minor mishap that accompanied its departure and toward the unexpected impact that will signal its arrival.



GET 'EM WHILE THEY'RE HOT !!

**New Shipment FHPS HATS
\$15.00**

Navy blue, Denim, Khaki w/black bill and Red

**FHPS CAP'N ED BURGEES
\$25.00**

**Contact: Toni Bailey at tonib@centurytel.net
or 370-5127 (after 6 pm)**

Since Toni works in town, she has kindly offered to deliver the hat(s) to you. She'll bring all the hats to town so you can pick your favorite(s).

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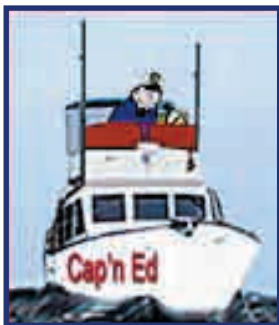
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COMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

1st - 6th

Nat'l Fall Governing Board
Detroit, MI

2nd 1300

ExCom Meeting - Library

13th

Pocket Cruise/General Meeting
Blakely Island

30th 1300

ExCom Meeting - Library

OCTOBER

2nd

General Meeting - Grange

10th - 11th

D/16 Fall Council/Conference
Bellingham

NOVEMBER

4th 1300

ExCom Meeting - Library

6th

General Meeting - Grange

DECEMBER

2nd 1300

ExCom Meeting - Library

4th

General Meeting - Holiday Party