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The handsome picture of the Commander and Past Commanders was taken at the D16 Fall Conference in Bellingham where your Squadron was well represented. P/C Ron Crenshaw, XO Carolyn Bowen, Harbor Lights Editor Lizz Divers-Smith, and Denece Kost also participated. Their pictures at the Conference are included in this issue. What's wrong with these pictures? It's the same squadron leaders that you see everywhere involved in everything. And that's just not right. At the District conference, we heard that retention is the key USPS issue. We were advised that 80% of members who are involved renew their memberships, while only 30% renew who are not involved. We've tried to stress membership involvement, but evidently we have come up short.

Here's a good example. We do not have candidates next year for two **very key** squadron positions, and these are scheduled to be voted on in a few weeks at our December meeting. Well, this is your time to step up to the plate. You enjoy the monthly speaker programs, the numerous courses, the December Holiday Meeting, the Pig War Rendezvous, the Fall and Spring picnics, having your vessel inspected for safety, the Flare Shoot, and other squadron activities. How do you think those activities happen? By leadership and involvement, that's how. It's now your turn to take the lead. We need your fresh ideas, energy, and

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE
Cdr. Fred Bowen, AP

enthusiasm. You'll still have our very active involvement and continuous support and guidance, and we'll continue to work hard, but we need the next generation of squadron leaders and workers. Specifically, we need an **Executive Officer** next year to work with Commander Carolyn Bowen, who would then to be willing to serve as Commander the following year. We need someone to chair the **Membership Involvement Committee** so we can involve more people in our squadron experiences now, then they can be ready to take on additional responsibilities in the future. Any active organization can only ask so much from those who already have given so much. I want you to think seriously about this opportunity and your responsibility to the future growth of your squadron. I ask that you get in touch **right away** with P/C Marc Forlenza, who chairs the Nominating Committee, or XO Carolyn, or me if you want your Squadron to continue to thrive and provide the services you enjoy so much. Think about what will happen at the "Change of Watch" in April 2010 when Commander Carolyn leaves the Bridge and no one is behind her to carry on.



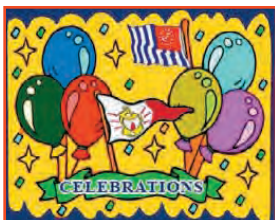
**SEO Report
November 2008**



Educational Department
SEO Travis Smith, JN

**DECEMBER
CELEBRATIONS**

- National Tie Month
- First Sunday of Advent 12/02
- Saint Nicholas Day 12/06
- Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day 12/07
- Hanukkah 12/15
- Wright Brothers Day 12/17
- Christmas Eve 12/24
- Christmas Day 12/25
- New Year's Eve 12/31



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**A sailor is an artist
whose medium is
the wind.**
Webb Chiles



We completed two USPS courses during October, Seamanship and Basic Boating Safety. Ann Einboden's Boating Safety class held at the Friday Harbor Middle School graduated seventeen students and the Seamanship Course held at the San Juan Island Yacht Club had ten students complete the course.

We have scheduled Piloting to start on November 25, with a two weeks break during the Christmas Holidays. Seven Squadron Members are presently signed up to take the introduction to navigation class which will be held at the Yacht Club. Hopefully, with enough interest, Advance Piloting will be offered, following the completion of Piloting. Ann plans on starting another Boating Safety Class during February or March.

If a couple of experienced sail boat members will volunteer as Instructors to teach Sail, we'll plan on offering the course in January or February. We are looking at substituting Weather if we don't have a volunteer for Sail.

With the fog season quickly approaching, the USPS University's Marine Radar Seminar may be of interest to Squadron Members who continue to use their boats during the winter months. The two-hour format focuses how radar functions, radar selection, operation of the radar under various conditions, display interpretation, basic navigation, and collision avoidance. The seminar provides credits toward the newly released Boat Operator Certification program and credit toward elective courses. *Please contact me if you have an interest in attending this seminar.*

Monthly Meeting **MARK YOUR CALENDARS** **8 January 2009**

We are pleased to welcome **Captain Richard J. Rodriguez**, who will present "Vessel Assist and Rambling Maritime Information" *More details will follow on our website.*



Hats Off to Dave Good - FHPS Web Master

We have just been notified that the FHPS website was selected for the **EXCELLENCE AWARD** in the recent National website evaluation. Our score was 98 out of 100, which is a huge score! (We actually think it should have been 100!) Out of 425 squadrons nationally, 386 websites were rated and only 67 were awarded the EXCELLENCE AWARD. We were one of them. That puts us in the top 17% in the Nation! There were only 5 top rated websites among the 17 squadrons in District 16: **Friday Harbor**, Seattle, North Olympic, Bellevue, and Bellingham. Our little island is in good company. Thank you, **Dave Good**, Webmaster, for your tireless and most capable efforts. For those of you who want to see what a world class website looks like, see **fridayharborpowersquadron.com**. Anytime you want to know what's going on and when, or who's doing what, pull it up. Don't forget to click on the archives for a sentimental walk through time.



AO Mike Griffin, AP

**HO ... HO ... HO !
HOLIDAY PARTY**

**Mark your calendar
4 December 2008**

**1800 Cocktails and Buffet
1900 Short Meeting and Auction
San Juan Island Yacht Club**



Don your holiday attire and join us for a great evening of Power Squadron camaraderie, great food, and a lively auction. Speaking of auction, we would greatly appreciate the donation of some quality items for our auction this year. Go to the attached link on our web site for all of the details.

http://www.fridayharborpowersquadron.com/Squadron_Archives/MeetingCourseNotices/120408MeetingNotice.pdf

**B.Y.O.B.
Glasses & Mixers Provided**

"MANY HELPING HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK"

Join in on the fun ...

Lighten the work load ...

We would appreciate help!

- **Holiday banquet
4 December**
- **Change of Watch
2 April 2009**
- **Monthly Meetings
Table set up and take down**



Cdr. Fred Bowen looks forward to receiving your "volunteer response!" Share your enthusiasm & expertise with our Squadron! (Call 378-5445 or send an e-mail to fbowen@execuserve.com)

A Sailor's Dictionary

Fix

1. The estimated position of a boat.
2. The true position a boat and its crew are in most of the time.



**Lt. Ed Ferro, P
Safety Officer**



The Port of Friday Harbor Life Jacket Station has had a face lift and is up and running again thanks to Ed & Jan Ferro.

A note on Pyrotechnic Visual Distress Signals (VDS): The standard protocol states that aerial flares should be used for getting attention initially, and hand held flares for guiding rescuers in. A report also found that using smoke flares during the daytime hours was much more effective as the burn time is longer and volume of smoke makes it difficult to miss. This information is from the Boat US, Nov. 1 Issue, Vol. XIII foundation findings report. Always think safely on the water or ashore.

Seafaring Words In Everyday Speech

Rats from a Sinking Ship. . . (Deserters)

Sailors believed that rats had a sixth sense and that the sight of them leaving a ship in large numbers was a portent of disaster. There could have been something to this belief, because rats were denizens of the bilge, the nethermost region inside the ship's hull and the first place to flood when a vessel takes on water. In 1625, Francis Bacon, giving the metaphor a land base, wrote of the "wisdom of rats that will be sure to leave a house somewhat before it fall." When abandoning a cause that seems doomed to failure, a person is considered to be a rat fleeing a figuratively sinking ship.





XO Carolyn Bowen, P

2008 Fall Council & Conference
Bellingham, WA



Friday Harbor Power Squadron was well represented at the D16 Conference in Bellingham on October 10th and 11th. In attendance were Cdr. Fred Bowen and XO Carolyn Bowen, P/C Travis Smith and Lizz, P/C Ron Crenshaw, and P/C Marc Forlenza and Denece. While our Squadron was presented with several individual awards, which in turn will be awarded to those recipients at our Change of Watch in April, a significant award was given to Friday Harbor Power Squadron. We were presented the *Growth Award*. Any Squadron achieving or exceeding a 1% growth between the dates of June 1 and May 31 was honored. FHPS achieved a growth of 28.43%. We were eighth in the nation in growth! There were



several breakout sessions at the conference, one of those sessions was a discussion on

membership growth and retention. Cdr. Fred Bowen was praised for his presentation at that forum when he gave the reasons for our success, many of which are accredited to our own members going above and beyond to attract new members. FHPS was also commended for its use of the Commander's Coin (initiated by P/C Ron Crenshaw during his term, 2006-2007) as a means to give immediate recognition for a task well performed. The Merit Mark award system which allows individual recognition annually at Change of Watch, is

currently under review by National. Other subjects discussed and under review is interest in publishing a District Roster by an outside source (approximately 2,000 member names), and potentially relaxing the current requirement for the Bridge to wear uniforms at formal functions.

POWER SQUADRON NEW MEMBER PROFILE



**Membership
Department**

**John Towson
Chairman**



Peg Gerlock & Phil Johnson
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Moondoggie – 36' C&C sailboat

Phil has a lifetime of sailing under his belt, having grown up in Chicago and spending summers sailing on Lake Michigan. Peg began sailing with Phil when they met ten years ago. They are on their second sailboat together, Moondoggie (think of Gidget & Moondoggie riding the waves), a 36' C&C sloop. Phil has completed three U.S. Sailing Association courses through the J World sailing school in San Diego: Basic Keelboat, Basic Cruising, and Bareboat Cruising, and has also participated in the J World San Diego to Ensenada race. Peg has completed the Basic Keelboat crew level course through Windworks in Seattle as well as the U.S. Power Squadron Basic Boating and Seamanship courses.

Peg & Phil came to San Juan Island in 1999. After several years of transition and rebuilding their home they became full time residents of the island about five years ago. Previously Peg was living in Lakewood and Phil in Chicago, where he still regularly commutes to work at Leo J. Shapiro & Associates LLC (LJS), a market research firm. Phil is CEO and partner at LJS and Peg is the V.P of marketing.

Besides sailing, Peg & Phil enjoy kayaking, hiking, traveling and gardening/farming. Our favorite sailing story is when we tried to "sail" our kayak up in the Broken Islands Group – not successfully! The wind blew our kayak clean over and we were drifting out to sea when some Canadian kayakers came to our rescue.

LIGHTED BOAT PARADE

December 6th is the evening for the 17th Annual Lighted Boat Parade. If you would like to welcome Santa and ring in the Season parading your decorated boat, see our web site for full information.

Parade-Registration Questions?

Gloria Bentzen 378-4288

Lions Club Santa Ship Questions?

John Bostrom 298-1256

Jim Carroll 378-3600

**FRIDAY HARBOR
SAILING CLUB**

Is Proud to Announce the

**17th ANNUAL
LIGHTED BOAT PARADE**

In Conjunction with the
48th ANNUAL SANTA SHIP

**Saturday
6 December**

**Parade Starts
5:30 p.m.**

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PARADE PARTICIPANTS

- Monitor VHF 72
- Staging area at Shipyard Cove Marina
- Follow the "Reindeer" lead boat two laps around course
- Join parade safely

Registered parade participants will receive free overnight moorage at the Port of Friday Harbor (night of parade only)



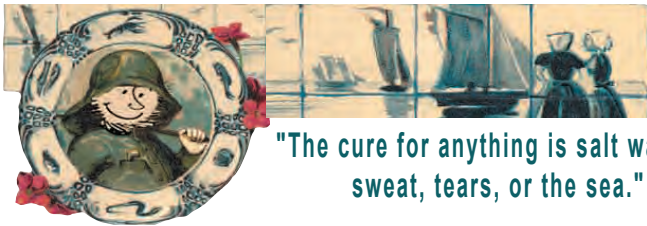
**D/Lt/C Travis Smith, JN
District 16 Treasurer**

Since the District 16 Fall Council and Conference has already been reported in another article in this issue of *Harbor Lights*, I will not cover the event held last month in Bellingham except for the informative Break-out Session covering the use of Data Base 2000 (DB2000). Any Squadron Member who would like a copy of the CD which contains the program download and instructions for its use, please contact me and I will make a copy for you. The program is valuable for Squadron Members who may have a need to create a printed roster, print address labels, send out a mass E-mail, filing National's HQ's OD-1 Form (Squadron's Officers) or submitting Merit Marks. All the Squadron's Bridge officers should be familiar with its capabilities.



Several District 16 and National scheduled events are on the horizon. In early February, the Spring Council will be hosted by Agate Pass and be held at the Poulsbo Yacht Club. Later in the month will be the National Annual Meeting in Anaheim, CA. During late March, the D/16 Spring Conference will be hosted by Seattle with the Educational Seminar following in March and being hosted by Olympia in Eatonville, WA. Rounding out the spring events is D/16's Annual Rendezvous at Poulsbo in late June. This three day event which attracts over 200 District Members is a great opportunity to meet other District Squadron Members on the dock or aboard their boats.

THE BILGE OF SEAFARING LORE



**"The cure for anything is salt water —
sweat, tears, or the sea."**

ISAK DINESEN



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

**Contact: Toni Bailey at
tonib@centurytel.net**



**THE SEA DRIVES TRUTH
INTO A MAN LIKE SALT.**

HILARIE BELLOC

Executive Committee Meeting 30 September 2008

ATTENDEES:

Cdr. Fred Bowen; XO Carolyn Bowen; SEO Travis Smith; Public Boating Chairman Ann Einboden; AO Mike Griffin; Treasurer Dan Watson; Secretary Jan Ferro; Membership Chairman John Towson; Member Involvement Chairman Dave Cable; VSC Chairman Burke Critchfield; Safety Officer Ed Ferro; P/C Marc Forlenza; Asst. SEO P/C Ron Crenshaw and Webmaster Dave Good.



Executive Committee Meeting 4 November 2008

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



**Jan Ferro at
378-3201 or
ejferro@rockisland.com**



Test Your Knowledge

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

**Courtesy of
Fred Hoepfner**

NAUTICAL QUIZ

**Which vessel shall avoid impeding the
safe passage of a vessel constrained by her
draft?**

- A. A vessel not under command.**
- B. A sailing vessel.**
- C. A vessel restricted in her ability to maneuver.**
- D. All of the above.**



December BIRTHDAYS

**Michael Chadwick
Kathryn Chadwick
Caroline Close
Patti Douglas
Albert Hall
Fred Popham
Don Ragsdale**



Be Informed About Cooperative Charting
P/C Inez Schwartz, AP
D16 CoCh Chair

Cooperative Charting

- Provides a vital service for you and other recreational boaters
- Provides opportunities to practice seamanship and piloting skills
- Provides a reason (excuse) to use your boat regularly
- Remember - every day spent on the water extends your life a day

Cooperative Charting Committee is under the Executive Department

- Organization
 - D16 Cooperative Charting Committee
- A staff group organized to grow Squadron Cooperative Charting Committees
 - vSquadron Cooperative Charting Committee
- A staff group organized to plan, supervise, motivate and train Squadron members to perform Cooperative Charting activities.

So you've heard a little buzz lately about Cooperative Charting (CoCh) and you're wondering how to get involved? Wow! How perceptive of me! Perhaps you've even checked out the CoCh page at <http://www.usps.org/national/coch/index.htm> and already know there are several areas and activities that make up the program. But...you are skeptical how just your input would really make a difference. Well, just your input won't really make a difference. Ah, that isn't what you expected me to say, now is it? It is true that one person, doing a lot, can make a difference. However one person, doing a little, linked with other people who do a little too, can make a significant difference. In the big scheme of things; having an impact on adding quality and safety to our boating experience, doing a small part to reduce the government costs to provide charts and publications that are accurate, and having meaningful activities that attract new membership to our squadrons, being part of the CoCh team might be an area you may want to check out further.

Over the past couple of years since geodetic marker recovery was deleted from award status, nautical activity throughout District 16 has been anywhere from non existent to minimal with a few pockets of spectacular. This last year Poverty Bay Sail & Power Squadron achieved Honor Roll Status with their reports activity.

We at the district level are very much committed to help grow the individual squadrons with programs that will develop new interest as well as keep current members involved. We want to help prepare and train for CoCh activities that are both challenging and fun. With a little tweaking of current training that is available each squadron can do their part to contribute to a dynamic CoCh program.

During the next several months my assistant, Chuck Leavitt, and I want to provide you the best opportunity to find out how this program works. We can show you how it can benefit your squadron with a series of presentations geared specifically to your needs. That being said, we need to know where you want to go with this. Making the Honor Roll is a good goal to shoot for. It is based on being awarded a certain number of points for the year. The level for the points is determined by the size of your squadron so that any squadron has an opportunity to meet the minimum. There are points for time and distances you have to travel, points for supporting evidence you provide in addition to the set points for the activity you are pursuing. Up to six members may participate on any one report so all can get credit towards personal Honor Roll as well as Squadron Honor Roll positions.

Are you teaching a Piloting or Advanced Piloting class? CoCh gives you an opportunity for your students to apply these skills directly and participate in an on-the-water experience. We can show how CoCh can be tied in with Predicted Log involvement. We'd also like to show you how your squadron can participate in depth surveys or range surveys. Just keeping up with the local facilities or marinas that are part of the Coast Pilot in your area is a good objective.

Because CoCh is not just doing an activity but it also requires some pretty precise reporting, we are looking for members who wish to gain or already have skills in computer data entry and verifying proper reporting. CoCh reports are processed through government data bases and do require a certain level of strict adherence to regulations. There are plenty of little jobs within each activity to use the multiple skill sets found within your squadron.

If either Chuck or I haven't approached your squadron as yet, give us a call and let us know what dates you might have available for us to share with you this fun and worthwhile program. If you have questions or ideas on how we can better serve you, contact me at ischwartz@quixnet.net or 360 697-5008. Chuck can be reached at cleavitt@whidbey.com

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ENJOY !

COMING EVENTS

DECEMBER

2nd 1300
ExCom Meeting - Library

4th 1800
Annual Christmas Banquet
San Juan Island Yacht Club

JANUARY

6th 1300
ExCom Meeting - Library

8th 1800
General Meeting
Grange

FEBRUARY

3rd 1300
ExCom Meeting Library

5th 1800
General Meeting
Grange

7th
D16 Spring Council
Agate Pass

16th
USPS Annual Meeting
Anaheim, CA