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# HARBOR LIGHTS

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### Membership Growth— “The Big Stick”

In any organization, membership growth is necessary for new ideas and new energy. I am pleased and proud (and a little stunned) to announce that **your FHPS received a national USPS Membership Growth Award at the Fall Governing Board meeting in Detroit last week where we were eighth nationally out of 445 squadrons and the only D16 squadron in the top 12 to receive an award! CONGRATULATIONS TO US!!**

What kind of **big stick** does it take to achieve such an impressive squadron growth, particularly on a small island like ours?

**First**, you need a Membership Chair like John Towson. He's everywhere. I think he sleeps with an application in his pajamas pocket. He's at every one of the eight America's Boating Course classes encouraging students experiencing their first exposure to USPS to join this most important boating safety organization. Also, in all of his many other community involvements: Lions, Yacht Club, Golf Club, political groups, etc., he's always pushing FHPS membership.

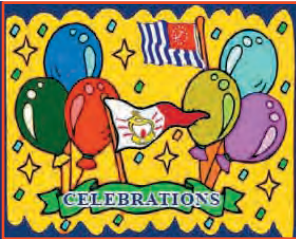
**Secondly**, instructors like Ann Einboden, Travis Smith, and other

squadron volunteers, who genuinely believe education directly leads to boating safety and fun, convey that passion to their students. In many ways they are evangelists who want the students to learn as much as the students do.

**Thirdly**, our very visible presence in the boating community through our courses, VSC inspections, Flare Shoots, relationships with West Marine and Kings, the kids PFD displays at the Port and Roche Harbor, and our constructive relationships with the Yacht Club and the Sailing Club provide a wide public awareness of our good deeds and important mission. Finally, we have fun and it shows. That's what our kind of boating is all about. We just happen to be in a challenging boating environment with major weather and tide shifts surrounded by very cold water and rocks! We want to be able to have fun in a safe manner. FHPS provides that education to enjoy the fun.

**Let's all go find new members who need our programs and whom we will enjoy as safe fellow boaters for the years to come.**





**OCTOBER  
CELEBRATIONS**

- Columbus Day 10/12*
- Bosses Day 10/16*
- United Nations Day 10/24*
- Navy Day 10/27*
- Halloween 10/31*
- 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*

**NOVEMBER  
CELEBRATIONS**

- Marine Corps Day 11/10*
- Veterans Day 11/11*
- National American Teddy Bear Day 11/14*
- National Game and Puzzle Week 11/18*
- Thanksgiving Day 11/22*
- Peanut Butter Lovers Month*
- National Chili Month*



**Educational Department**

SEO Travis Smith, JN

**SEO Report - September 2008**

Fall has arrived again along with the kick off of the Squadron's educational program which offered two classes in September. The Squadron Boating Course held its first class on Tuesday, September 23, at the Middle School with nineteen students eager to learn basic boating safety and obtain their Washington State's Boater Education Card. The course's instructor is our talented and knowledgeable Public Boating Chair, Ann Einboden, along with the support of other qualified Squadron Members covering various topics during the program. Seamanship, the first in the series of the five USPS Advanced Courses began on Wednesday, September 17, at the SJYC with twelve students. Myself, and Ron Crenshaw are instructing the class, along with other Bridge Members presenting various subjects during the eight weeks course. The Education Department has scheduled a sequential line-up of Advanced Courses to follow Seamanship with Piloting in November and Advanced Piloting starting in February, 2009. We are also planning to offer Sail in January, depending on interest and available Squadron Instructors for the twelve weeks class.

The Boat Operator Certification program is now up and running with materials in stock at USPS Headquarters to start members on their journey to Certification. With the BOC Program, USPS will certify its members at various levels of recreational boating proficiency. USPS expects these certifications to be recognized across the boating community, both domestically and internationally. In the U.S., the United States Coast Guard has asked congress to authorize the Transportation Secretary to establish requirements for standards of proficiency for recreational boaters. USPS intends to have their certification accepted as this proof and be accepted as the national certification for the USA. USPS is currently planning four levels of Boat Operator Certification (1) Inland Navigator (2) Coastal Navigator (3) Advanced Coastal Navigator (4) Offshore Navigator.

I personally see this program still several months away for District 16 Squadrons since at this point in time, a Regional Certifier has not been identified or trained and therefore, no squadron qualified BOC Certifiers exist, nor are there funds allocated in this year's District 16 budget for training.



If you have a nautical item for sale, please send information to the editor, Lizz Divers-Smith [DesignsUnlimLtd@aol.com](mailto:DesignsUnlimLtd@aol.com). Briefness would be appreciated due to limited space.

**FHPS  
CAP'N ED BURGEEES  
\$25.00  
Contact: Toni Bailey at  
[tonib@centurytel.net](mailto:tonib@centurytel.net)**



**D16 2009 Spring Conference Fund Raiser**

Seattle Sail & Power Squadron is raising funds to help defray the costs of the D16 2009 Spring Conference by selling D16 T-shirts (short and long sleeve), pullover sweatshirts, ¼ zip sweatshirts and ceramic mugs. All items are decorated with the 17 burgees of the squadrons in D16 and the D16 flag. Please go to the D16 website: <http://www.usps.org/localusps/d16> to view these items and to find instructions on how to place your order.

Contact Barbara Reine: [sunnyside2@clearwire.net](mailto:sunnyside2@clearwire.net) or by phone @ 206-547-7391 with questions.



When I forget how talented God is, I look to the sea.  
*Whoopi Goldberg*



**Public Boating Class Chair**

Ann Einboden, AP

**Squadron Boating Course, Fall 2008**

Our Fall basic boating class began on Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> and runs for 6 Tuesday evenings, from 1900-2100 at the Friday Harbor Middle School. We are meeting in the "Commons" room, which affords us a very large screen, a stage and plenty of seating. This should be a terrific class thanks to all of our newly certified and recertified instructors: P/C Travis Smith, JN, P/C Ron Crenshaw, AP, P/C Marc Forlenza, AP, Cdr Fred Bowen, AP, Dave Cable, P, Susan Ley, AP and Ann Einboden, AP.

Any members who are able to assist on the final class night, Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> will be much appreciated.



AO Mike Griffin, AP



### FRIDAY HARBOR POWER SQUADRON - OCTOBER 2008 MEETING

We will have our Potluck Dinner and Meeting at the Grange Hall in Friday Harbor

Date: October 2

Time: 1800 for Appetizers and Socializing

Please bring your favorite beverage, dinnerware

#### PLUS

- A-F Hors D'oeuvres or Salad
- G-L Entree
- M-Z Dessert

October Program: NORTH TO ALASKA: "The Inaugural Voyage"

We are fortunate to have members of the Friday Harbor Power Squadron, Mac and Patti Douglas, share their preparation and experience in making their first cruise to Alaska.

Mac and Patti will share how they prepared, lessons they learned, and fond memories made on their inaugural voyage to Alaska.

This will be a great opportunity for anyone considering a cruise to Alaska in the future to learn from the Douglas' experience, and also an opportunity for veteran Alaska cruisers to compare notes.

#### NORTH TO ALASKA



The Inaugural Voyage



MAC AND PATTI DOUGLAS

### FRIDAY HARBOR POWER SQUADRON - NOVEMBER 2008 MEETING

#### BARRY BOYCE



Power Squadron Member Barry Boyce will give us a talk on "Hey Sailor, What's Up With the Stars?", a basic introduction to the cosmos for all navigators - even landlubbers. Barry will show us how to have fun navigating through the constellations without a sextant and also tell us a little bit about the stars - what they are, how they got there, and even what they produce. He'll also tell us about the other heavenly bodies we see up there (including planets, moons, meteors, galaxies, nebulas, and comets) and even things we can't see, like dark matter and black holes). To ensure that you all stay awake during his talk, Barry has promised to have an alien from a distant constellation in the audience and introduce said alien to us.

When Barry is not out on the local waters of the San Juans, he claims to be working on other islands, called the Galapagos, where he is through October, 2008.



#### VSC Report

Burke Critchfield, AP  
VSC Chair

The vessel inspectors hope that you can call us, or encourage your friends who have not been inspected, so that we can reach our goal of inspections for the year. Andrea Douglas has joined us as an inspector and is available to bring up her number of inspections. Thank you for helping us reach our goal of 150 inspections for the year. Andrea Douglas 370-5989; Mac Douglas 370-5664; Ed Ferro 378-3201; Bill Paden 317-8394; Burke Critchfield 378-7235.

#### Alert!

Ed Ferro, AP  
Safety Officer



This is an alert for those who may plan to borrow a child's life jacket at the Port of Friday Harbor. The Life Jacket Loaner Board will be taken down around the first of October for paint touch up. We will get it back up as soon as possible. In the mean time the life jackets will be available in the Port Office as in the past.

#### A SAILOR'S DICTIONARY



Rapture of the Deep

Also known as nautical narcosis, a condition whose symptoms include an inability to use common words, such as *up, down, left, right, front, and back*; a love of small, dark, wet places; and a conviction that objects are moving when they are in fact standing still.

# SEPTEMBER MEETING - FALL PICNIC Lakedale Resort

AO Mike Griffin, AP



The weather Gods were with us as we conducted our September meeting on the banks of Dream Lake at the Lakedale Resort. It was a beautiful evening shared with over 40 members and guests. BBQ's were set up and hot as grilling skills were put on



display and dinner was prepared and complemented by the many pot luck items that were shared. It was a great kick off to our meeting season and we look forward to seeing everyone as we move indoors for our next meeting at the Grange on October 2.



**DB2000 Seminar at the 2008 Fall Conference  
D/Lt Robert J. Miller, AP  
District 16 Computer Systems and Webmaster  
Skagit Bay Sail and Power Squadron**

The tools in DB2000 are vital to the administrative functions of your squadron's Executive Committee. Version 9 of DB2000 will be available in September and the district is hosting a seminar on how to use this latest version. You will be shown how to install the software, download the database from National, and to maintain and update squadron data back to National. We will also demonstrate how to create the OD-2 form, do Merit Marks online, and how to use the Quick and Dirty Report Writer function to quickly produce printed squadron rosters.

The session is mostly show and tell, but you may want to follow along on your own laptop. If so, bring your charged-up laptop (Windows versions only) to the session at 1300-1445 on Saturday, 11 October, in the San Juan Room at the conference hotel. It would help if your wifi system is configured properly so you can get on the internet to connect to the national database and download the latest and greatest copy of your squadron's roster. Also, make sure that you have the proper passwords and squadron identifier that were sent to your Commander in June.

For more info, contact Bob Miller at bobmi@earthlink.net or phone him at 360-588-9950.

**(Note: Registration form on Page -7-)**



**Membership Department**  
John Towson - Chairman

**PLEASE WELCOME ABOARD**

**A**t our September picnic meeting at the Lake Dale Resort, Mike and Jan Close were reinstated as members, along with the induction of their two daughters, Caroline, 13, and Katherine, 11. Mike and Jan discovered the San Juan Islands while chartering a sailboat in 1996. A year later, after Mike sold his computer networking company and Jan retired from a computer corporation in Minneapolis, they moved to the islands. Mike and Jan became active in the boating community, becoming members of the Yacht Club, Sailing Club and FH Power Squadron. Mike completed many of the FHPS courses, including Piloting, Seamanship, Weather, Engine Maintenance and Marine Electronics. Though they became inactive for a few years while raising their two daughters, starting a business as a Marine Surveyor and becoming Commodore of the Yacht Club, Mike continued to teach several of the FHPS courses. Mike, Jan and the girls have recently started the SJI Marine Center, underneath Downriggers, providing a number of marine related activities, including the rental and sale of Hobie pedal kayaks, boat brokerage and boat repair, specializing in marine electronic, electrical systems and corrosion. Mike has put his Power Squadron training to work, along with his ABYC certification in marine electronic and corrosion.

Close daughters are presently taking their first FHPS Boat Safety Course. When time permit's the family enjoys outings on their 22' Orca Power boat "Toibot".





**October  
and November  
BIRTHDAYS**

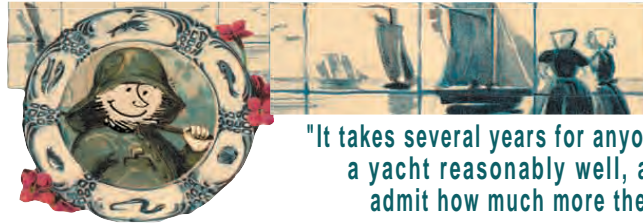
October

Rebbie Bates  
Bob Bennett  
Bob DeGavre  
Sara Hudson  
Don Madsen  
Yvonne Powell  
Travis Smith  
Dan Watson  
Rudi Weissinger  
David Woodall

November

Bob Arnett  
Toni Bailey  
Ed Carlberg  
Mike Close  
Ron Einboden  
Dianne Giesy  
Dianne Hall  
Kimball Hall  
Margaret Hall  
Carl Johnson  
Nancy Johnson  
Joyce Ragsdale  
Penny Woodall

**THE BILGE OF SEAFARING LORE**



"It takes several years for anyone to learn to handle a yacht reasonably well, and a lifetime to admit how much more there is to learn."

**MAURICE GRIFFITHS**



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



The District 16 Bridge is busy getting ready for the 2008 Fall Council & Conference Meeting this month in Bellingham. The two meetings will be held at the Lakeway Inn with the Council Meeting Friday evening and the Conference all day Saturday with a reception and banquet dinner that evening. It should be a good meeting since the Official Agenda indicates "No Uniforms-Casual Wear." It will be my first official Bridge Officer's report as the District's Treasurer. Wow! I sure hope I can get all those numbers to balance by then!

If you have never attended a District Conference here is an excellent opportunity to learn something about how the 17 Squadrons in District 16 interface together, hear the District Bridge and Committee Reports, the presentation of various awards, plus an opportunity to attend seminars on either Membership or Use of Data Base 2000 (DB2000), along with the camaraderie of the attendees. Squadron Commander Fred Bowen will be speaking during the Membership Seminar on the continued growth of the Friday Harbor Squadron along with being a recipient of the Membership Growth Award during Saturday afternoon's awards session. It'll be worth the trip to hear and see Fred!

FHPS already has a few of its members planning to attend with myself and Lizz, Fred and Carolyn, Marc and Denece, and Ron and Patti Crenshaw. If you are thinking about making the short drive to Bellingham on Saturday for the Conference, please let any of us know and we'll be expecting you to join us at the Lakeway Inn for a cocktail before the banquet dinner.

**Seafaring Words In Everyday Speech**

**Anchor . . . (base of strength, symbol of hope)**

Technically, an anchor is a device for holding a ship in a particular place.

Metaphorically, any reliable support or base is considered to be an anchor. As Alfred, Lord Tennyson noted, "Cast all your cares on God; that anchor holds." In the Christian religion the anchor is a symbol of hope: "Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast ..." (Heb. 6:19).



**ACTIVITY REGISTRATION**  
**District 16 Fall Conference & Council Meeting**  
**10 - 11 October 2008 at Bellingham, Washington**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Squadron \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Please include rank and/or grade)

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Spouse/guest name)

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

First time attending a district conference? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ E-mail for confirmation \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE NOTE: This is an activity registration; there is no cost for attending meetings.

Early Bird prices apply to prepaid reservations postmarked no later than September 26, 2008.

Activity	Early Bird	After 9/26	No. People	Total
Terrace Room reception. Friday evening, 1730 to 2000.	\$10	\$12	_____	\$ _____
No host cocktails and hors d'oeuvres.				

**Council Meeting, Friday evening in the Sehome Room, 1930 to 2030**

Saturday breakfast Mt. Baker Room, 0730 to 0900 Buffet style scrambled eggs, bacon/sausage, potatoes, juice, coffee/tea, muffins, etc.	\$18	\$20	_____	\$ _____
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**Officers Meetings 0800 to 0900**

Commanders, Executive Officers, Administrative Officers, Treasurers, Secretaries, and P/D/Cs will meet in the Mt Baker Room  
 SEOs & ASEOs will meet in the Terrance Room

**Conference meetings 0930 to 1145 and 1300 to 1600 in locations posted at registration desk.**

**Saturday Non-conference Activity** \_\_\_\_\_ **No. of People Attending** \_\_\_\_\_  
 1000 -1500 tour of the Dutch community of Lynden, with no host lunch.

Saturday Conference Luncheon Buffet w/ sliced ham, roast beef, smoked turkey, selected cheeses, assorted breads and condiments; Chef's selection soup; old fashioned potato salad, sliced fresh fruit; assorted cookie display	\$22	\$24	_____	\$ _____
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**Saturday Evening Banquet in the Mt. Baker Room**

No-host social hour 1800, followed by the banquet at 1900  
 Spring greens w/ cucumber, grape tomatoes, carrot chips, herb vinaigrette and your choice of:

Your choice of Jasmine Poached Chicken or Pasta Primavera, either @ \$25	\$28	_____	\$ _____
New York Cheesecake with a northwest raspberry cream		_____	\$ _____
<b>TOTAL</b>			\$ _____

**Hotel Reservations:** Make directly with **Best Western Lakeway Inn** at (888)671-1011. Please refer to group room block "**Cross Borders Meeting.**" King Deluxe single or double occupancy, queen single or double occupancy rooms are \$109 plus tax.

The hotel is located at 714 Lakeway Drive, Bellingham, WA 98229, east of I-5. Take exit 252 northbound on Samish/Lincoln, entrance is on the left or take exit 253 southbound, turn east at light.

**Conference Reservations and Activities Payment** Send this form and a check payable to District 16 Conference or Bellingham Sail & Power Squadron, to: **Sandi Horne 6776 Olson Road, Ferndale, WA 98248**

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**ENJOY !**

### COMING EVENTS

#### SEPTEMBER

30th 1300  
ExCom Meeting - Library

#### OCTOBER

2nd 1800  
General Meeting - Grange  
10th - 11th  
District 16 Fall Conference  
Bellingham, WA

#### NOVEMBER

4th 1300  
ExCom Meeting - Library  
6th 1800  
General Meeting - Grange

#### DECEMBER

2nd 1300  
ExCom Meeting - Library  
4th 1800  
**Annual Christmas Banquet  
and Auction**  
**San Juan Island Yacht Club**