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Commander's Message - Carolyn Bowen, P



We are well into our Fall activities, beginning with the September picnic and meeting at Lakedale Resort. The October potluck meeting with guest speaker, Marine Biologist, Mike Kaill, was eye opening, followed by November's potluck meeting and presenter, Bob Brunkow, founder of ICOM in the US. Bob has been working in Marine and aviation commercial and amateur radio since the early 70's. Both speakers supported our educational interests. Our next meeting is our Holiday Party on December 3rd. This will be our annual election meeting followed by a gourmet buffet and live auction. Auctioneer P/C Fred Bowen is ready and promises a fun evening for all. We NEED your items for donation. Please contact Marc Forlenza at getmarc@aol.com for information and donation pick-up. This is our only fund raiser of the year—let's make this the

best one ever!

I am very proud of our Squadron. There were eight of us in attendance for roll call at the recent D/16 WCID Fall Conference in Penticton, British Columbia. The long drive allowed us to see the beautiful Fall colors along Highway 20 going and on Canada's Highway 97 on the return trip. We went a day early to visit a few wineries before the meetings. I was pleased that brand new members and graduates of our recent ABC, Bob and Vonnie Allen, made the trek to Penticton along with their guests. What troopers! Also in attendance were District Secretary Travis and Lizz Smith along with Fred and me. The part of the program that really hit a "home run" in my opinion, was a Power Point presentation on CPS Membership, given by Dave Peebles, member of CPS's National Committee for Membership. This presentation outlined their member acquisition and retention plans. It is no wonder Canada is growing their squadrons. It is my personal desire to apply much of what I learned at this Conference for Friday Harbor. While we are doing well with "reaching out" for new members and retaining members, there is always room for improvement. Please help in this endeavor by spreading the word. Our mission is to educate everyone we can for safer and more enjoyable boating. Our next basic boating class, America's Boating Course, will be offered in February 2010. If you have friends, with or without boats, who have never taken a basic boating course, please encourage them to register for our next ABC. Sign-ups are already underway for courses beginning next year. Remember, you have to be a member to take an advanced grade course. "Boating is fun . . . we'll show you how".

In closing, we're a team, and it is in our best interests to continue making this squadron stronger while meeting the goals and vision set before us by USPS. In the coming months, I personally will strive to do more for you and for the squadron. What can you do to make this squadron stronger? We need your fresh new ideas and your help.

I look forward to seeing you at our Holiday party! Stay healthy with safe travels over the holidays!

Education Officer's Message - P/C Travis Smith, JN



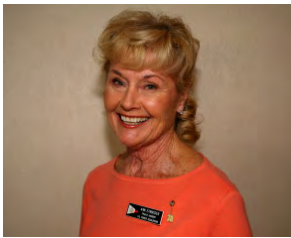
The previously scheduled November courses, Seamanship and Engine Maintenance were cancelled due to the small number of members who were signed up to take either of the courses. We only had two members committed for Seamanship and three for Engine Maintenance. Majority of the reasons for the poor turnout were attributed to full schedules or interference with the coming holidays. Both courses were rescheduled with Seamanship starting in early April and Engine Maintenance to begin in mid January. Check the Squadron's web site under Education for the exact start and end dates along with names of the course instructors. We presently have nine members signed up for Seamanship, so it is definitely a go at this time. We still need to have 4-5 more members sign-up for Engine Maintenance in order to justify the instructor's time and effort.

The Squadron has scheduled its USPS Seminars series after the first of the year with "How To Use A Chart" in January, followed by "Coastal Navigation" and "Using GPS." The seminars will follow one another in three weeks increments and be held Monday evenings at the Yacht Club. I'm positive we will all learn several ways to enjoy our time on the water while being alert and safe boaters for the short two hours seminars. The seminars are open to non-power squadron members, so bring a friend.

To keep our minds active, we need to have a small challenge from time to time, so I have a little exercise for each of you to ponder over during the long winter evenings.

On 10 November, you are preparing to leave the marina for a cruise over to Lopez for lunch. You've been warming up the engines and want to get a weather report of the afternoon's outing. Upon turning the VHF radio on which is set on Channel 16, you hear the message, "Pan-pan, pan-pan, pan-pan, this is US Coast Guard Port Angeles, a short pause and then the continuation of the message, "At 1930 Universal Time Coordinated a small sailing vessel was reported overdue at Roche Harbor.....". Question: What is the time at Roche Harbor when the sail boat was reported missing? Answer in the next issue of Harbor Lights.

America's Boating Course - Ann Einboden, AP



Congratulations to the following recent students in the ABC class: All passed with excellent scores, and several have joined us in the Squadron.

Vonnie & Robert Allen, Ron Bates, Suki & Tom Boydston, Tom Campbell, Mike Coyne, Don Cruikshank & Andrea Rose, Tiffany Humphrey, Loren Johnson, James Kovats, Karen Libby, William Lowe, Michelle and Chad Lyons, Joan Mann, Leslie Mutchler and Carol Thompson. Woody Morf joined us for the last two classes and has joined the Squadron, but hasn't had a chance to take the exam yet.

Many thanks to all of our excellent instructors for their time and dedication: P/C Travis Smith, JN; P/C Fred Bowen, AP; P/C Marc Forlenza, AP; P/C Ron Crenshaw, AP; Lt/C Mike Griffin, P; Lt Ed Ferro, P; and Susan Ley, AP. Much appreciation from all of us also goes to Lt John Towson and Jan Ferro, AP for their proctoring and assistance throughout the class.

Nominating Committee Proposed Slate for 2010-2011 by P/C Fred Bowen, AP, Chair



The FHPS Annual Meeting will be held on December 3, 2009, in conjunction with our December Holiday Party. At this meeting we will elect our officers, Executive Committee, and elected committee chairs for the year 2010-2011. Installation will be at the April 2010 Installation Dinner. Per FHPS Bylaws, this written notice is to inform you that the FHPS Nominating Committee, comprised of P/C Fred Bowen (Chair), Sharon Towson, and Toni Bailey proposes the following candidates for the year 2010-2011, with the proviso that additional nominations will be accepted

from the floor at the December 3rd meeting:

FRIDAY HARBOR POWER SQUADRON 2010 – 2011 Bridge and Executive Committee, Support Chairs

Squadron Bridge Officers

Commander:	Carolyn Bowen, P	Administrative Officer:	Gary Parker, P
Executive Officer:	P/C Marc Forlenza, AP	Treasurer:	Dan Watson, S
Educational Officer:	P/C Travis Smith, JN	Secretary:	Penny Woodall

Members / Executive Committee:

P/C Fred Bowen, AP	P/C Ron Crenshaw, AP	Burke Critchfield, P
John Towson	Ed Ferro, P	Ann Einboden, AP

Non-Elected Positions

Membership Chair:	John Towson	Ship's Store:	Toni Bailey, S
Membership Involvement Chair:	Steve Percer	Rules:	Ron Einboden, AP
Port Captain:	Steve Percer	Nom. Cmte. Chair:	P/C Fred Bowen, AP
Vessel Safety Check Chair:	Burke Critchfield, P	Nom. Cmte:	Toni Bailey, S
Safety Officer:	Ed Ferro, P	Nom. Cmte:	Sharon Towson
Editor, Harbor Lights:	David Good	Public Boating Chair:	Ann Einboden, AP
Webmaster:	David Good	Assistant Secretary:	Jan Ferro, AP
Operations Training:	P/C Ron Crenshaw, AP	Assistant A/O	Jan Ferro, AP
Cooperative Charting:	P/C Travis Smith, JN	Assistant Treasurer:	Joyce Ragsdale
Assistant Educational Officer:	P/C Ron Crenshaw, AP	Merit Mark Chair:	Cdr Carolyn Bowen, P

Administrative Officer's Message - Mike Griffin, P



Be sure to join us on December 3 for our annual Holiday Party. As always, it will be a an evening of fun, food and Power Squadron friends. If you are lucky, you may also score a great gift during the auction which is a "show" in itself.

See the flyer on page 7 or on our website for full details.

Safety Officer - Ed Ferro, P



On the question of how long you should keep outdated flares, recent tests conducted by the USCG on the East Coast concluded it is reasonable to expect flares that are around four years out of date to be worth having aboard. The testing of parachute, smoke, and illumination flares had very positive results. Parachute flares attain a higher altitude and have a longer burn time than the 12-gauge meteors. Remember to keep all visual distress signals in a readily available location and free of any moisture.

Going from summer directly to winter, we need to get after winterizing our vessels. Checking for proper sealing around hatches, windows and doors will prevent moisture from entering the interior and possible freezing conditions. Proper function of bilge pumps, dock lines for chafing and proper tension are a few safety checks we can do.

Getting to and from our vessels can be hazardous, as well. High humidity and cold temperatures can result in icy conditions on docks, making for poor footing. Stay Safe!

Vessel Safety Check Report - Burke Critchfield, P



Thank you for allowing us to conduct an inspection on your vessel this year. We exceeded our goal and look forward to your help next year and more inspections. As part of the oath joining the squadron, we all agree to promote safety on the water and having an inspection is helping to insure that safety.

Membership Report - John Towson



We have three new members who were welcomed and inducted at our November 5th General Meeting.

Michele Lucian is Bish Wheeler's first mate on Bish's 50 foot power boat "Lady Lea" in Friday Harbor Marina. Michele is the office manager at San Juan Physical Therapy. She plans to enroll into the Spring 2010 ABC.

New member **Sherwood (Woody) Morf** just completed America's Boating Course. His wife, also a new member, **Margaret (Peggy) Skillin**, will be taking it in the near future. They are both new to power boating.

They are just in the process of having a boat surveyed with the expectation of purchasing it. It is a beautiful 36' Grand Banks Europa, named "Sea Wolf".

They just celebrated their 1 year anniversary of purchasing a wonderful home on San Juan Island and look forward to enjoying many years here. They are both retired. Peggy just retired as a Clinical Licensed Social Worker. Woody is retired from the field of investments and finance. They will be married 2 years next February and hail from Klamath Falls and Chiloquin, Oregon, where they will continue to spend time.

Peggy's current hobbies include making bird baths, finding sea glass for numerous projects and continues to enjoy her beading projects. Woody enjoys woodworking, kayaking, fly fishing and birding. Both enjoy traveling. They also thoroughly enjoy their Border Collie/ Australian Shepard dog, "Tami".

A boating highlight was a chartered sailboat trip with a captain and cook to the British Virgin Islands with their family. The beautiful waters, the food and scuba diving will be long remembered.

FHPS Represented At District 16 Fall Conference By P/C Fred Bowen



The Friday Harbor Power Squadron was well represented at the District 16 Fall Council and Fall Conference in Penticton, BC, on October 23-25. Eight of us were there to wave the flag—actually wear our red shirts—for the squadron. Besides Cdr. Carolyn Bowen, we were represented by D16 Secretary and FHPS SEO, P/C Travis Smith and Lizz; new members Dr. Bob and Vonnie Allen, and their guests; and yours truly.

I'm not biased, but I think the highlight of the conference was the invited presentation provided by Cdr. Carolyn Bowen on why FHPS is the fastest growing squadron in the district. Other people want to know our secrets. Basically, Cdr. Bowen explained it is leadership, commitment, and involvement. She highlighted the commitment by John Towson, Membership Chair, to attend every class session of Ann Einboden's ABC course to promote membership, and the efforts by SEO Travis Smith to recruit 6 new members through the sailing class offering. Another key conference result was that FHPS won first place in the annual Seamanship Teaching Aids category with our wooden boat model used for navigation lights and docking demonstrations. An information topic of significant interest was a presentation by the national office of the Canadian Power Squadrons on their Membership Acquisition Plan, MAP, which provides a comprehensive strategy for member recruitment and retention. You can be certain your Executive Committee will use this information to further strengthen and improve the membership processes in our squadron.

Holiday Party Auction - P/C Marc Forlenza, AP



With the holidays fast approaching, it's that time of year to start thinking about the Power Squadron Christmas Party auction. Items that may be taking up space in a closet or your garage could help make this year's event another success. Everyone agrees that it is the highlight of the evening, along with the food and camaraderie. So see what you think may be a fitting offering and contact X/O Marc Forlenza at getmarc@aol.com or 472-1644 for free pick up. It is always helpful to have the items at the latest, 2 weeks before the party so they can be sorted and tagged. Thank you.

A Very Small Change - Susan Beauchamp

Last month I mentioned we changed the name of our boat after an Alaskan cruise this past summer. The “name-the-boat” saga began about two years ago when we purchased our Nordic Tug. We had spent all our energy shopping for just the right boat with never a thought about a name since we knew we would be purchasing a used boat. It did come with a name, one that must have had some meaning for the previous owners but certainly not for us. Change was mandatory.

Just how does one go about selecting a boat name? Something classic? Something classy? Something cute? Something grand? The possibilities are endless. Striving for conservative and easy we (I, really) chose Wind Star. I liked the connection with the sailors of long ago who sailed by the prevailing wind directions (no compass in those days) and used something similar to our compass rose but with the named winds on the points where we see N-E-S-W. Doesn't it just seem so wonderfully nautical?

Trouble began almost immediately. Hearing us on the radio other boaters constantly assumed we were a sailboat. Several people also mentioned, “Oh, we took a Wind Star cruise once.” We were becoming a bit annoyed with our boat's name. Then we visited Ocean Falls, British Columbia, a unique community with a handful of people living in and around the remnants of a large, deserted mill town. Fascinating place. As Chris and I were walking into “town” we met Herb, the harbormaster. “Oh,” he said, “You must be off Wild Star, I saw you come in.”

I looked at Chris; he looked at me, “Wild Star, why didn't we think of that!” Yes, we agreed, we liked it. But was it OK to change the name yet again? We continued on our voyage and considered that name for the next three months. Finally, last month the “n” became “I”, a very small change, but ever so much more interesting. I think it fits our relationship to boating. After all,

Sometimes - Wild Star, you make me crazy
But always - Wild Star, I think I love you.

November Birthdays

William Giesy
Robin Donnelly
Steve Alexander
Tony Bailey
Joan Gouge
Phil Johnson
Mike Close
Dianne Hall
Penny Woodall
Ron Einboden
Joyce Ragsdale

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December Birthdays

Greg Simon
Mike Chadwick
Mike Erickson
Kathy Chadwick
Patti Douglas
Andrea Douglas
Joan Kinderfather
Caroline Close
Don Ragsdale
Craig Green
Sandy Killion

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**Put on your
Holiday Attire!**



**And Come Join
In the FUN!**

Friday Harbor Power Squadron
2009 Holiday Dinner Buffet
Thursday, December 3rd



The San Juan Island Yacht Club
237 Front Street

1800 - Cocktails and Buffet
1900 - Short Meeting
and Auction

Your Ex/Com is preparing the
Buffet and Quantities
**PLEASE RSVP NO LATER THAN
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH**

by mailing your check for \$20.00 per
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c/o Mike Griffin 721 Golf Course Rd.
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mrgriffinbay@windjammercable.net

Enjoy a Buffet of:

Smoked Salmon
Shrimp with Dipping Sauce
Smoked Turkey and Ham
Delicious Rolls
Cheese and Vegetable Assortment
Variety of Other Savory items
An Array of Elegant Desserts



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Bring Your Own Bottle

Glasses & Mixers Provided



LIVE AUCTION !

*WE REALLY NEED YOUR
DONATIONS*

TO MAKE THIS SUCCESSFUL
Please contact Marc Forlenza
378-6727, or getmarc@aol.com
for item pick-up

Last year's party was a smashing success so
don't miss out on your opportunity to
participate this time around.

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