

# HARBOR LIGHTS



The newsletter of the Friday Harbor Power Squadron  
a unit of the United States Power Squadrons®

VOLUME 26 - ISSUE 4 - September 2010

## Commander's Message - Carolyn Bowen, P



As the warm days ebb, it is time to reflect on memories of summer cruises, travels, adventures, home projects and fleeting summer guests. Now as we welcome the fall season upon us, we can look forward to the many squadron activities and class opportunities we will enjoy over the next several months.

Summer was busy for the squadron. I am happy that so many of you joined in our activities. We began with the Flare Shoot on May 22nd. It was well attended until the downpour hit. Congratulations to Bish Wheeler for being the grand winner in the Predicted Log contest (a joint effort between the FHPS

and the SJIYC) on June 12th.

My sincere thanks go to P/C Travis Smith and Lizz and P/C Marc Forlenza and Denece for representing Friday Harbor Power Squadron at the D/16 Rendezvous in Poulsbo June 25-27.

Next was the 4th of July Parade and what a hoot that was. I loved the part where we were diverted off Spring Street and Ed Ferro maneuvered his 28' Harborcraft, Si Horse, through the circular parking lot of the Convalescent Center. Good job Ed, and of course Jan, as co-driver, for getting us through the trees and still keeping the antennas on your boat. You can teach the towing segment anytime in ABC! Did I mention how good we all looked in our RED Tee shirts? Thank you, Marc, for coordinating this whole parade entry thing! While we didn't win an award for our "boat float", we definitely got attention and applause.

Many thanks to all who ventured to Port Browning on July 9th to "fight" in the 23rd Annual Pig War Rendezvous with our Canadian friends from Brentwood Bay Power Squadron. We retained the Pig Trophy which now sits proudly in my office. Good job everyone for the superb game of bocce ball. The camaraderie between the two squadrons is wonderful. Their Commander, Len Burton, and I hope to put together several joint efforts in the future for fun and education for both squadrons.

We kicked off our fall activities on September 9th with a potluck picnic and meeting at the popular Lakedale Resort with an energetic crowd of 40 members, guests, and new ABC students. Let's keep that momentum going. Our next meeting is October 7th. More information will be coming out on that soon. Also, mark your calendars now for our fun holiday dinner/meeting/auction which will be on Thursday, December 2nd. That's just around the corner! Please think of us with your donations. This is our only fundraiser of the year.

And lastly, let's all take some classes together this fall/winter. We can never quit learning about boating in these challenging waters. One day it may save our life or the life of another boater.

## Safety Officer - Ed Ferro, P



We all know that getting adequate AC power from dock receptacles to our boats is dependent on a shore power cord. A regular inspection of the total length of the cord plus the connecting prongs and receptacle plug-ins, should be done routinely. If the prongs are bent or in the worst case, discolored or burnt, the plug has overheated.

The two most frequent causes of marine electrical problems are corrosion from saltwater immersion and, as before, overheating. If any irregularity is evident, have a qualified marine service person trouble shoot the problem and correct as needed before a major electrical fire and possible loss of your boat.

When connecting plugs to receptacles, be sure to push it in completely and give a twist on twist-lock plugs. Be sure the rubber covers, if equipped, are correctly in place after the cord is plugged in. If evidence of a problem points to the dock receptacle, Notify the marina management for necessary repair.



The September issue of Sea Magazine has some extra tips for safe boating— i.e.: ribbed rubber backed carpets for a slippery deck, non-skid lining for shelves and drawers, bungee cords, a handy sharp knife for cutting lines, family well trained on use of equipment in case of an emergency, etc.

One last note, while traveling in our neighboring Canada, I came across their Safe Boating Guide which is a very interesting read. Safety on Canadian waters is governed by Transport Canada. Their website is [www.boatingsafety.gc.ca](http://www.boatingsafety.gc.ca), take a look.

Let's keep boating a fun adventure, be SAFE!

---

## Predicted Log Contest a Great Success – P/C Fred Bowen, AP



The annual Predicted Log contest in June was a huge success, fielding nine vessels, nearly twice the number as last year. This is a joint event with the San Juan Island Yacht Club. FHPS member (and SJIYC member) Bish Wheeler won the overall trophy, with Rich Peterson and Woody Morf finishing second and third, respectively. This annual event tests navigation and piloting skills and is open to all FHPS members. Refresh your skills over the winter--and even take or retake one of our courses being offered--to put yourself in contention for the 2011 event next June. You WILL have fun.

## AQUARIUS RETURNS - Ron Einboden, AP



November 4, 2009 was one bad day at Roche Harbor. Two neighboring boats burned to the water and sank. Aquarius sustained severe fire damage do her port side.

After seven months of numerous and sometimes painful dealings with surveyors, insurance companies and boat yard guys, on July 2, 2010, Aquarius was ready for launching, looking better than new. Ann and I had already planned our first cruise - a 6 week trip up to Blackfish Sound and the Broughton Archipelago. We left July 20, 2010 with our trusty fishing dog, Muffin.

On the way up we ran into some severe winds and had to spend an extra day hunkered down at Secret Cove, B.C. While there, we enjoyed a fabulous meal at the marina's restaurant. Not a bad place to sit out a wind storm.

We arrived at Farewell Harbor, Berry Island, four days later, ready to fish. Farewell Harbor is a beautiful anchorage and home to the Farewell Harbor Yacht Club, a one time outstanding fly in fishing resort on the edge of Blackfish Sound. The resort is now barely surviving, apparently a victim of the economy. Ann and Muffin enjoy the numerous trails around the resort's 60 acre property.

Over the next ten days we caught some very nice Kings, mostly in the 20 pound range, had some outstanding crabbing off Knight Inlet, and failed miserably at prawning (I am known as "No Prawn Ron" by some of our fishing friends). We then motored back to Lagoon Cove where our daughter, grandson and son-in-law flew in to join us. Wasting no time, we immediately departed for Port McNeil with plans to fish around Malcolm Island, a favorite spot of ours for salmon and halibut.

As luck would have it, our arrival coincided with the arrival of the largest sockeye run since 1913 - over 25 million fish headed for the Fraser River and its tributaries. The gillnetters were out in force. The sockeye were so thick they were setting off our depth alarm and displaying large red blobs on the fish finder screen. Once we learned the art of sockeye fishing from some of our fishing buddies, we started catching sockeye so fast we had to use 2 nets to land them all. Our grandson (age 13), a fishing nut, was going crazy. This was truly a once in a lifetime event!

We took side trips to Sullivan Bay and Echo Bay, hoping to catch the August Coho run but that didn't materialize. Our family was galvanized by the beauty and majesty of the area and was not at all disappointed that we didn't fish for a few days.

With our freezer almost full of fish, we said goodbye to our family on August 27, at Lagoon Cove, and started home.

Aquarius acquitted herself admirably on her first post-fire cruise, and garnered many compliments on her new look during the trip.



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



The Fall Course Schedule is now available to view on the Squadron's Web site. We will be offering Marine Electrical Systems, and Piloting, along with our regular basic boating safety class, America's Boating Course. The MES Course will begin on September 21, with Mike Close the Instructor. It'll run for four weeks with class meetings twice per week. I've reviewed the course materials which covers basic electrical properties, boat's electrical wiring practices, AC/DC current, galvanic & stray current, along with a chapter on troubleshooting and repair. It will prove to be a valuable class to the eight members who have signed up to attend. Piloting will kick off on October 5, and meet once per week on Tuesday evenings until November 23. It's one of USPS's Advanced Grade Courses and should be taken in sequence following Seamanship. It will be followed in January 2011, with Advanced Piloting for members who have completed Piloting. The Instructors for the Piloting Course are Marc Forlenza and Travis Smith. To coincide with the poor visibility during the winter months, we will be presenting a Marine Radar Seminar in early January. The Radar Book, by Kevin Monahan, is a must read for any skipper needing to learn more about how to interpret their vessel's radar screen and well worth the cost of the seminar.

The Boat Operator Certification program is in full swing. Marc and I completed the certification for Inland Navigator along with 10 other USPS Members during District 16's Rendezvous held in Poulsbo in June. It was a full day's activities consisting of two hours of class room presentations and four hours on the water successfully completing various on-the-water skill techniques. Some of the skills demonstrations consisted of identifying Aids to Navigation, the use of bearings to avoid collision, boat handling in seaway & wakes, docking/undocking, steering a range, slow speed slalom/collision avoidance turns, astern slalom, high speed turns and high speed stops. We were required to perform a crew overboard drill using a weighted (180 lbs.) "dummy" representing an individual (a survival suit with weights in the arms and legs wearing a football helmet) which proved to be a challenge. The MOB drill was practiced from the stern of a 36' trawler and a 12' inflatable. Please go to the District's web site ([www.usps.org/localusps/d16](http://www.usps.org/localusps/d16), click on Cardinal Points on the left, and then select, Fall 2010) and check out my article regarding District's 16 Rendezvous on page 4, to grasp the amount of effort and how many bodies it took to get the "individual" back aboard the boat. This is not an easy task! Candidate requirements for Inland Navigator are required to have passed Piloting, Engine Maintenance, Marine Electrical Systems, (ME 101), along with completing the following seminars: Rules of the Road, Onboard Weather Forecasting or the USPS Weather Course. The next certifications in the BOC series are Coastal Navigator, and Advanced Coastal Navigator (20-25nm off-shore). BOC exceeds the requirements stated in U.N. Proposition 40 and is accepted in Europe for skippers wanting to charter a boat. Presently, nearly 200 USPS members have completed Inland Navigator certification. No one finished the day without learning something they were not aware of previously. Marc and I thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to continue improving our skills on the water and interfacing with USPS Members who have the similar interests concerning boater safety.

Lizz and I just returned from a week of cruising, being part of the USPS National Cruise, the 2010 Nor'Westing. There were 57 vessels in the fleet with over half being charters and skippered by individuals from all across the US. Most had attended the National Governing Board Meeting in Bellevue the previous week and picked up their charters in Everett, Anacortes, or Bellingham at the conclusion of the meeting. The fleet headed to Roche Harbor the first day and was greeted by several members of the FHPS who helped with the docking tasks. The next port of call was Victoria at the Causeway Floats, located just in front of the Empress Hotel. It was a real challenge getting all 57 boats into the docks. There were a few boats rafted three across with a very tight fit between them and were required to use

smaller diameter fenders in order to fit between the two docks. Following Victoria, the boats departed for Sidney for another day of sightseeing and shopping. Finally, the fleet headed back to the San Juans and ended the official five days of cruising at the Port of Friday Harbor where the FHPS again met the boats and assisted with the docking. Later that evening, the 212 cruise members were shuttled to the fairgrounds for a reception and awards banquet. The FHPS Members hosted a cash bar for the thirsty cruisers which was greatly appreciated by all. Cdr. Carolyn Bowen, P, presented a Commander's Coin to the 2010 Nor'Westing Committee Chair, Bob Miller, JN, (Skagit Bay) and Committee Meal Planner, George Johnson, SN (Skagit Bay) for all their time and efforts over the past year to make the event a success. The cruisers were already talking about their plans for coming back for the 2015 National Cruise!



## Vessel Safety Check Report - Burke Critchfield, P



Our inspectors have done very well so far this year. We passed our goal of 160 inspections, and in fact, have done more inspections than we have members, 200. Thank you for your assistance in reaching this goal.

---

### Experience Through the Eyes of a VE - P/C Virgil Boyt, AP, VE

From a past experience, being a kayaker and living next door to the San Juan County Park, I found that many visiting kayakers lacked any knowledge of the sport or the local waters. In the true spirit of Mother Teresa, I would load up a duffle “bag of tricks” with stuff I could show, teach, and demonstrate to them. My favorites were the signaling mirror and the Canadian Current Atlas. I would usually spend 20 minutes with the kayakers expounding the intricacies of using mirrors, and of the tidal currents here in Haro Strait, going over their safety requirements, and then proceed to do a VSC on their kayaks.

From a more recent experience, while sitting in the ferry line in Anacortes and spotting some kayaks on waiting cars, I decided to try to catch some VSCs that I might otherwise miss—what an experience! Luckily the first one I chose was a FH resident who used to be a member. No problem with that one. Then I chose one who was left in the overload line for Orcas and I was trying to get him and his wife checked out before my ferry left. I inadvertently wrote the HIN # for her boat on his form and he went completely ape. He apparently thought the “Coasties” would hang him by the thumbs for that slip-up. I would have done another form for him but they were starting to load my line. Bummer! I almost missed my ferry. I never did understand all that he was spouting off about. Maybe I need some sensitivity training? By then I was rattled enough that I signed twice on her form.

Maybe I should write a book—I remember the time when doing a VSC.....!

---

### Our Magical Fall Picnic - Pictures by P/C Marc Forlenza, AP



## Membership Report - John Towson



We have added eight members since our last newsletter.

### Henry & Holly Wendt

Holly and Henry moved to Friday Harbor only four years ago but their history with boats stretches back more than half a century. Holly grew up mostly in Portland, OR and Henry mostly on the North Shore of Long Island, NY. Holly remembers watching and helping her brother build boats in the early teen years. About the same time, Henry was racing small sail boats in Long Island Sound. In their married life they have owned boats and sailed on the St. Lawrence River near Montreal, the Chesapeake Bay, San Francisco Bay, Ketchikan, Sidney, BC and now Friday Harbor.

In 1989, Henry sailed a 43' sloop from Annapolis, MD across the Atlantic to the West Coast of Scotland where Holly joined him and then explored the Hebrides and Shetland Islands before sailing to Norway, Denmark and Holland. A few years later, he sailed a 55' sloop to Ketchikan and for five years they both explored SE Alaska every summer under sail. They then moved on to power boats and now have a 45' Devlin long range power boat, a 26' sloop, and a 29' Maine Lobster boat at their dock in Friday Harbor.



### James (Phil) and Claudia Coose

Phil and Claudia bought a house in Friday Harbor in January of this year. Phil is a retired electrical engineer and Claudia is a practicing RN. They still have a home south of Albuquerque, New Mexico and plan to share time between there and Friday Harbor. They've been interested in trawlers for a long time but couldn't do much about it until recently. Prior boating experience is limited to lake motor boating and sailing when they lived near Austin, TX. Claudia is a Icon painter and teaches classes each year at Queen of Angels Convent in St. Benedict, Oregon. She has pursued many different art forms, but is currently concentrating on doll making. Phil's interests include woodworking, flying, and motorcycles. They are in the process of purchasing an older (wood) 36' Grand Banks to get them started in North West boating.

### Bruce and Kimberly Galton

Kim and Bruce Galton moved to Friday Harbor from Salt Lake City, Utah.

Kim was an attorney and has a Masters in Biochemistry. She focused her laboratory work on Multiple Sclerosis. Kim's law practice specialized in labor relations and mediation. She is passionate about the outdoors, enjoying camping and hiking. Kim has been an accomplished violinist.

Bruce is retired from dual careers in the military and as an engineer for the Defense Department. He was an Army officer, serving as a helicopter pilot, cavalryman and engineer. As a civil servant, he monitored defense contractors. Bruce enjoys fishing and photography. Kim and Bruce live with Kim's mom, Darla, and two dogs.



Kim christens the MARJO

### Dave and Dorothy Vandaveer

Dot (P) and Dave (JN) Vandaveer have transferred their Power Squadron membership from Ventura, CA to Friday Harbor, and are looking forward to participation in the local programs. They still enjoy many

friendships with members of the Ventura Squadron.

They first joined the Power Squadron in 1990 when they bought their first boat, Trinket, in Ventura Harbor. The yacht broker, Larry Dudley, insisted that they take the Public Boating classes before taking Trinket, a Cal 36 sailboat, out into the Santa Barbara Channel. They did, and joined the local squadron immediately after completing that first class.

Dot's other activities include interests in gardening, cooking, and piano. She is currently the secretary of the local Kiwanis club. Dave is an active ham radio enthusiast and a member of the LLB. He currently is the team leader for running licensing tests for new and upgrading hams.

---

## Friday Harbor Power Squadron Wins Pig War – P/C Fred Bowen, AP



In a hard fought battle against our Canadian sister squadron, Brentwood Bay Power and Sail Squadron, in July, the Friday Harbor Power Squadron defeated our rival in the deadly bocce ball challenge at Port Browning on North Pender Island. This was the 23rd annual Pig War contest. The only casualty was the pig which was enjoyed by all. The camaraderie was overwhelming with both squadrons currently doing an exceptional job promoting boating education, safety, and fun. This event was one of the fun highlights of the year. Everyone is encouraged to participate. Don't miss it next year at Roche Harbor!



**Put on your  
Holiday Attire!**



**And Come Join  
In the FUN!**

Friday Harbor Power Squadron  
2010 Holiday Dinner Buffet  
Thursday, December 2nd



**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**  
**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23**  
by mailing your check for \$20.00 per  
person, payable to FHPS,

C/O Penny Woodall, 285 Cape Drive  
Friday Harbor, WA 98250 378-3374  
[dpw2@interisland.net](mailto:dpw2@interisland.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



**B.Y.O.B.**

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](mailto: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.

## Remember The Fun We Had On The 4th of July!



### EVENTS SCHEDULED FOR 2010 - Mark your calendar

- Ex/Com Meeting, 5 October (Library)
- General Meeting, 7 October (Grange) - Terry Whalen presenting the Derelict Vessel Program.
- D/16 Fall Council & Conference, Tacoma, 29-31 October - If you would like to attend please go to <http://www.usps.org/localusps/d16/> for a registration form.
- Ex/Com Meeting, 2 November (Library)
- General Meeting, 4 November (Grange)
- Ex/Com Meeting, 30 November (Library)
- Holiday Party / General Meeting, 2 December (SJIYC) - This is our big auction and fund raiser!

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!!!

September		October		November		December	
1	Rick Benedict	1	Vonnie Allen	1	Bill Giesy	3	Greg Simon
13	Greta Duvall	9	Bob Allen	2	Robin Donnelly	4	Mike Chadwick
15	Mary Watson	9	Pam Lombardi	3	Bruce Galton	13	Kathy Chadwick
19	Barb Ray	11	Bob Brunkow	4	Toni Bailey	14	Patti Douglas
23	Jennifer Ayers	12	Shari Harrison	6	Travis Ayers	19	Calvin Paulsen
27	Ellen Johnson	19	Ruth Fleming	11	Joan Gouge	22	Caroline Close
27	Holly Wendt	23	Travis Smith	13	Phil Johnson	24	Don Ragsdale
30	Steven Billmyer	23	Dan Watson	16	Dianne Hall	26	Craig Green
30	Michael Couey	24	Dave Woodall	16	Mike Close	29	Rock Sorensen
		26	Sara Hudson	25	Penny Woodall		
		29	Rebbie Bates	28	Joyce Ragsdale		
		29	Robert Bennett	28	Ron Einboden		
		29	Don Madsen				

**Harbor Lights is the newsletter of the Friday Harbor Power Squadron**  
 Editor - David M. Good, AP

Email comments, corrections, or content to: [editor@fridayharborpowersquadron.com](mailto:editor@fridayharborpowersquadron.com)