

HARBOR LIGHTS



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Commander's Message - Carolyn Bowen, P



I am reminded of a favorite song by Sarah Brightman, "Time to Say Goodbye". This message is my goodbye, only as Commander, for my time will now be channeled into other endeavors within the squadron. Anything worthwhile requires dedication and hard work, and I leave my role as Commander for the past two years with no complaints. This has been a gratifying and rewarding experience for me and I have grown as a person. My husband, P/C Fred, and soon to be Commander again, might even say that I have grown too much. Maybe I've toughened up?

In looking astern, there are some very special times remembered as Squadron Commander. Several 2010 events come to mind. A personal favorite was our spring picnic/meeting to Turn Island on the Pintail last May. That was a postcard perfect day. Another enjoyable experience was having Fred Hoepfner draw my name as his observer last June for the Predicted Log. For this powerboater, being aboard his beautiful sailboat, Mariana, with such a legendary seaman was truly an educational experience. I will never forget our float entry in the 4th of July Parade riding aboard Si Horse, towed by owner, Ed Ferro. Manuevering that 28' boat through a tight tree lined turn-around in the Convalescent Center parking lot was one of those, "you've got to be kidding" experiences. Looking back into 2009, any of us attending the Flare Shoot will never forget the really big flare that went horizontal and we all got a lesson after that on exactly how fast an anchor can be pulled up by a boat sitting in a potentially dangerous target area. The rewarding "squadron" moments are many but some highlights were placing 1st in D16 in membership in 2009, placing 2nd in membership in 2010 (a huge feat to have two extremely good years in a row), and placing 4th in 2010 for Commander's Challenge. A personal achievement for me was receiving the Squadron's Meritorious Award for service in 2010, a proud moment I shared with P/C Marc Forlenza.

As I close my message, I will close with the same message that I closed each of our monthly general meetings with—I am so very proud of this squadron and our many achievements. With 180 members, we are certainly not a small squadron even though we hail from a small geographical area. We remain a large blip on the radar screen within D16. We will continue to reach out to all boaters to make boating safer and more enjoyable, strive to endorse interesting marine related community projects, interface more with fellow squadrons, continue to promote learning, and most of all, just have fun! I will keep a very close eye on your new Commander. He's good, trainable (sort of), and has been around the block already, so I'm leaving you in good hands. May all of your lessons be small, may your anchor always hold, and may all of your passages be peaceful.

Fair Seas!

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



The Advanced Piloting Class started in mid-January with twelve squadron members and is presently into its sixth week. This is the new 2008 AP Course with the primary focus on using GPS, chart-plotters and computer assisted navigational systems, along with additional electronic equipment such as radar, autopilots, and depth sounders. The course also covers the time proven traditional tool, i.e., DR plots using dividers protractors and paper charts. The class continues to build coastal and inland navigation skills and covers topics including collision avoidance using radar and working with tides and currents. Instructors for the AP Course are Ann Einboden, AP and Travis Smith, SN.

The Marine Radar Seminar offered in January provided the 31 attendees with key information on how to use and interpret their vessel's radar. Considering the significant turn out of squadron members and yacht club members for this year's radar seminar, this is definitely a topic which is of major interest to several skippers. All attendees who had pre-registered for the seminar received a copy of The Radar Book by Kevin Monahan which is definitely one of the better books on the subject and relates nicely to our local waters.

The Engine Maintenance Course is scheduled to start during the first week of April with Ed Ferro, the Instructor. Either contact myself or Ed, if you plan on taking EM in order to obtain the student materials prior to start of the class.

A copy of the Canadian Hydrographic Service's Tour Request Form was received from Michael Ward, Client Liaison Officer, in early February for the squadron's visit to the Institute of Ocean Sciences in late April or early May. There were a few descriptions for area of interest which required additional clarification and was returned to Michael Ward, requesting the additional information. No reply has been received. A follow-up E-mail was sent during the last week of February. The ExCom will need to determine the specific date and areas of interest as noted on the form. Once determined, the form will be completed and returned to IOS.

D16 Council Meeting Held in Friday Harbor - Carolyn Bowen, P



PHOTO BY MARC FORLENZA

I am pleased to report that the D16 Council meeting held in Friday Harbor on February 12th was well attended. We had 67 members representing 15 of the 16 squadrons in this district along with the District Bridge. It was an honor to have so many folks make the trek out to the island for this one day meeting. A special treat was the delicious cake made by Felicity Milne and decorated to represent the D16 flag. One purpose of the Council meeting is the election of the D16 Bridge officers for 2011-2012. Our very own P/C Travis Smith, SN, has been elected as District Executive Officer. I understand that everyone had a great time on the ferry going home with the wild ride and breaking waves reaching the second deck. Thank you Virgil, Ann, David, Bruce, Bill and Maria, Marc and Denece and Fred for your help and support.

Safety Officer - Ed Ferro, P



Will Your PFD Float?

Inspection and maintenance of PFDs is an important part of boating. Winter is a good time to check all flotation devices. Replace those that show a lot of wear or the USCG Certification is unreadable. Inflatables that are one or two years old should be manually inflated through the mouth tube, then set aside for 24 hours. If they are still firm and as tight as first inflated, note the date and then deflate and stow properly. On older inflatables, don the vest and activate the CO2 inflation unit to get a feel of how it works. Remove and set aside for 24 hours. If OK, continue as above. Replace the CO2 cartridge and on automatic units, the rearming kit. This will get you acquainted with the workings of the PFD.

As USPS members, we have access to a great source of information when in most ports. A roster of Port Captains is available through: www.usps.org/national/PortC. Log on as a member and to get information about marinas, mooring, yacht clubs, hazards, repair facilities, shops, restaurants, hotels, motels, etc. This currently covers most of the area outside of the San Juan Islands and by scrolling down, you will find a place to bring up a list of Canadian Port Captains. This will be beneficial going to any unfamiliar area and also make for a safe and enjoyable venture. STAY SAFE.

Vessel Safety Check Report - Burke Critchfield, P



Our 2011 Vessel Safety Check decals have arrived. All of our inspectors are ready and waiting for your calls to have your vessel inspected. Let's strive to have EVERY MEMBER'S boat inspected this year!! Remember, this is a free inspection and it could save your life. Please participate!

America's Boating Course - Ann Einboden, AP



The Spring 2011 ABC class will begin on March 5th and run for three Saturday mornings from 0800-1200 at Skagit Valley College. Materials are \$40.00 and can be shared by a couple. Students get 50% off.

If you know someone who needs their Boater Education Card, or wants to learn basic boating safety, please have them call Ann Einboden at 378-3288 to enroll.

Membership Report - John Towson, S



Our first new member this year is Gene Krattli. Shortly after joining FHPS, Gene and his wife Kathleen cruised on their power boat to Alaska. They are back now and have been reinstated. Although they spend considerable time on their boat, they have a home in Friday Harbor.

March Monthly Meeting

Thursday, March 3rd, 2011 - The Grange

1800 **Appetizers and Socializing Potluck Dinner Meeting**
Presentation to Follow



Please bring your favorite beverage and Dinnerware PLUS:

- A - C Dessert
- D - H Appetizer
- I - R Salads
- S - Z Entrée



Mike Clark, FHPS Member Presents
Sturgeon – Class
Attack Submarines
Work Horse of the Cold War

Mike's talk will cover the history of submarines in the US Navy, focusing on the Sturgeon Class fast attack submarines. From new construction at Electric Boat in Groton, Connecticut, and commissioning, Mike will describe missions and how submarines were employed in the Vietnam War and the subsequent Cold War era. Finally, Mike will provide a brief overview of the new classes of submarines.



USS Flying Fish SSN 673

This photo was taken in the fall of 1970 coming back from sea trials in the Caribbean.
The guy seated on top of the sail behind the Captain and the OD is me on lookout.

Boat Operator Certification - P/C Travis Smith, SN



Do you need a license to operate your boat? Well, not yet anyway but the U.S. Coast Guard is lobbying Congress hard for the authority to license and regulate recreational boaters. Their justification is straight-forward and fairly basic, i.e., to reduce the number of fatalities each year due to boater negligence. Probably also another means of revenue for the organization, who has seen its annual operating funds reduced each year.

Ultimately, USPS's Boat Operator Certification (BOC) will license boaters to operate their boats in four types of marine environments. Inland Navigator is the first level of the four tier certification program offered by USPS. Inland Navigator Certification must be completed before proceeding to the next level, Coastal Navigator. Following CN are Advanced Coastal Navigator and Offshore Navigator.

The BOC program was developed to recognize the boating proficiency of recreational boaters in the United States. Europe has adopted UN Resolution 40 as their certification program. The USPS BOC program meets or exceeds the requirements of UN Resolution 40.

Inland Navigator Certification is based on skills learned in the public boating and Seamanship courses as well as selected USPS Seminars. At this level, on-the-water training focuses on basic boat handling aboard small power boats, up to 23 feet in length, in any type of waterway: coastal bays, fresh and salt water harbors, inland lakes and rivers or any other protected body of water within two nautical miles of shore in daylight.

For a non-member of USPS, the program could take up to one year to complete. For a current member, it will depend on the amount of boating education you have already completed. Many squadron members may only require one or two seminars and the on-the-water demonstration of their boat handling skills. Additionally, everyone is required to demonstrate their ability to properly use a fire extinguisher and emergency flares.

To get started, you need to contact your Squadron Education Officer and order an Inland Navigator Kit. With the kit, you will receive an Inland Navigator instruction guide and the book, "Smart Power Boating Right!" The book published by the U.S. Sailing Association, outlines basic boat handling and advanced boating handling techniques. These techniques are the basis of the on-the-water demonstration. Also included in the kit is an IN Passport to help you keep track as you complete each requirement for certification. Courses and seminars, along with the on-the-water skill demonstration are required to be signed off by an IN Certifier.

2011 USPS National Meeting Update - D/Lt/C Travis Smith, SN

USPS's Annual Meeting was held again this year in Orlando, Florida at Disney World's Coronado Springs Resort on January 31, through February 5. District 16 was well represented with 22 members from the various squadrons in attendance along with Lizz and myself. There were several meetings being held during the six days, along with so much information being disseminated which made it impossible to attend everything. You attempt to attend the ones which you think will give you the most info and add the most value. I spent all one day attending the Executive Officer Leadership Seminar offered to District and Squadron incoming executive officers offered by the National Leadership

Development Committee. We spent most of the day role playing and determining the various styles of leadership. The day's exercise greatly reminded me of being back in Corporate America and attending "management & team building" training every few years. It was an excellent refresher since we tend to forget lots of the tools of good leadership.

I'll summarize some the highlights and key points of the meeting:

- USPS has signed a strategic partnership with Brunswick Corp., the U.S.'s largest boat manufacturer. Brunswick's CEO, Dusty McCoy, gave the keynote speech on Saturday morning. Dusty educated the attendees on the present state of the boating industry and passed on the message that it is up to USPS to help turn it around. The statistics he presented were not good with only 50% of the boating dealerships which existed in 2007, are still in business. There is apparently still a viable business in used boats but new boat sales continue to go down each year.

-USPS Budget Performance did show an improvement during 2010. Initially, National projected a \$60,000 shortfall for the year but due to cost cutting measures, the shortfall was reduced to a deficit of \$17,000.

-Boat Insurance coverage for members using their boats for "on-the-water-training" was clarified with the coverage now being much broader than in the past. Any squadron training using member's boats must inform the district's educational officer and the local Boat Operator Certification chair, prior to the training.

-The Marketing & Public Relations Committee has several initiatives in process. Their goal is to help and support the local squadrons be "the go to boating organization in their community." With the enthusiasm the various presenters showed on the topic, I expect to see some strong efforts in this area as each squadron expands their efforts from marketing to public relations.

-Membership is taking on a different look with USPS and FHPS now offering a six months free membership to everyone who has taken and passes ABC this spring. This process has turned around USPS's declining membership seemingly with 2010 showing an overall growth.

-USPS has sworn in their first woman officer to the rank of Vice Commander. V/C Jean Hamilton, SN, Houston Sail and Power Squadron, was inducted as the new National Secretary. Another milestone achieved for USPS!

-USPS hired the former California Dept. of Boating and Waterways Director, Ray Tsuneyoshi, as the new National Programs Director. Ray will be forming and establishing alliances with the Coast Guard and other boating organizations. Ray has only been aboard a few months but has jumped in with both feet and is pushing organizational changes at the national level.

-National Bylaws had some new changes which were approved during the meeting. The key ones clarified the new dues structure for single and family memberships. Essentially, there are membership categories, i.e., single member and family membership. Family membership, regardless of how many members in the family, are 50% more than a single membership dues. I believe FHPS has already implemented this dues structure.

In summary, just too much was going on during the week's meeting to try and cover.

2011 – 2012 FRIDAY HARBOR POWER SQUADRON BRIDGE

Commander Fred Bowen, AP
Executive Officer Marc Forlenza, AP
Educational Officer Travis Smith, SN
Administrative Officer Bruce Galton
Secretary Carolyn Haugen, S
Treasurer Dan Watson, S

Time to Relieve the Helm CHANGE OF WATCH

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APRIL 7, 2011

SAN JUAN ISLAND YACHT CLUB
237 FRONT STREET

1715 – 1800 APPETIZERS PROVIDED

Please bring your own beverage – Yacht Club will provide glasses
1800 DINNER – DESSERT – CHANGE OF WATCH – AWARDS



CLIP -N- MAIL RESERVATION FORM
FHPS 2011 CHANGE OF WATCH
PLEASE R.S. V.P. BY 29 MARCH

Member(s) and Guest(s) Names

MY DINNER SELECTIONS ARE:

Wild Salmon
Beef Brisket
Total Dinners
Total Enclosed

_____ (\$25.00 per person)
\$ _____ (Payable to FHPS)

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Skagit Bay Sail & Power Squadron Will Visit Friday Harbor - Carolyn Bowen, P

Each year, members of the Skagit Bay Sail & Power Squadron walk onto the ferry and enjoy a day in Friday Harbor. This year, they have scheduled to come over on Saturday, March 19th. Part of the fun is to have lunch at Haley's Bait Shop & Grill. This is another opportunity to meet folks from one of our neighboring squadrons. Mark your calendar for March 19th and plan to join the fun at Haley's. More information will follow regarding the lunch schedule.

Pocket Cruise to Anacortes - Carolyn Bowen, P

It's official! We will join Bellingham Sail & Power Squadron on April 8-10 at Cap Sante Marina in Anacortes for a joint squadron pocket cruise. This is a golden opportunity for those of us with boats to ask those members without to join on this fun adventure. Anacortes offers a variety of moderately priced lodging options so you can enjoy the activities and stay on land if you don't cruise. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us in Anacortes. I think you will enjoy meeting the Bellingham folks. There will be more information on this in future weeks.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!!!

February		March		April		May	
2	Virgil Boyt	7	Fred Bowen	1	Diane Glesy	1	James Corenman
3	Bruce Hoeller	11	Michele Herko	1	Mary Kalbert	1	William Paden
4	Michael Hoeller	15	Bill Bates	1	Bish Wheeler	1	Dorothy Vandaveer
4	Rich Peterson	17	Donald Pollard	2	Darcy Ayers	5	Lizz Divers-Smith
5	Jim Hooper	18	Kathy Paulson	2	Patricia Crenshaw	8	Susan Ley
7	Sharon Towson	19	Ed Ferro	6	Carolyn Haugen	14	David Cable
7	Fred Hoepfner	22	Skip Foss	9	David Vandaveer	25	Jay Wakefield
15	Thomas Thomson	22	William Van Rooy	15	Susan Beauchamp	25	William Cannam
20	Susan Corenman	25	Elaine Gifford	17	William Wertz	25	Ann Walbert
20	Dan Paulson	27	Ann Spratt	18	Libby Thompson	27	Lauren Ayers
21	Patricia Penwell	27	Mary WillAllen	23	Margaret Hoepfner	27	Chris Beauchamp
24	Sue Cornett			24	Steve Percer	27	Anthony Vivenzio
27	John Aberle						
27	John Van Hoecke						
29	Bob Bailey						

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