

**General Meeting
Friday Harbor Power Squadron
2 November 2006**

In the absence of Commander Ron Crenshaw, Executive Officer Marc Forlenza opened the meeting at 1830 with 45 members present and 5 guests in attendance. Following a break for dinner, the meeting continued at 1910.

Reports

SEO – Ann Einboden

- Introduced six new members who joined as a result of their recent completion of either the Boat Smart or Chart Smart classes.
- Class offerings for 2007 will include Boat Smart, Seamanship, an Operations Class which will be a Saturday offering, and a Teacher Training class, along with several seminars.
- Ann met with new manager of West Marine, Brian, who is eager to help develop and promote the seminars.
- Marc urged members to get involved with teaching.

AO – Fred Bowen. Deferred comments until introduction of the program presenters.

Treasurer – Dan Wittkopp. Not available.

Membership Chair – John Kalbert. Suggested that we encourage friends interested in purchasing a boat or recently having purchased a boat, to get involved with a Boat Smart class.

Member Involvement Chair – John Towson. Reported that he and Athlene Schneider are currently working on cruising rendezvous opportunities in addition to the District-16 event in Poulsbo in June, and the Pig War event in July. It is hoped to start with a Spring cruise and eventually add a Fall cruise. Marc did ask for a show of hands to see member interest which produced overwhelming interest.

VSC Chair – Virgil Boyt. Will remain in position through year end. Goal was to get as many VSCs as members in the Squadron. With 113 members and 126 VSCs performed, this goal was met and exceeded.

Nominating Committee Chair – Travis Smith. Travis presented a preliminary list of Squadron Officers and Committee Chairs for 2007 with current vacancies in Administrative Officer, Squadron Public Relations Officer, Chair Safety Committee, and Chair Cooperative Charting. Members present were urged to volunteer to fill these vacancies.

Introduction of New Members: Ed and Jan Ferro, Mike and Jean Griffin, Paul and Heidi Broward, Sasha Calvert, Steve Percer, Rainer and Susan Eberhard.

Introduction of Guests: Dean Mack, Bill and Rebbie Bates, Pat McGaw and Wayne Aldo.

Old Business

- Marc and Denise attended the D-16 Fall Conference and touted it as an opportunity to learn more about USPS.
- Steve Percer gave a brief explanation of the Youth Life Jacket Program. The Power Squadron has been given the approval by the Port to install two boards to be placed in separate locations on the dock. The Port currently can provide some life jackets and the Power Squadron will seek further jackets through donations.
- Pat Wittkopp gave an update on the Christmas Party which will be held on December 7th at the SYIYC. Fare will consist of a buffet of heavy Hors D'Oeuvres. It will be a BYOB event with mixers provided. It is estimated that the cost will be kept at \$20 per person. A fund raiser auction is planned as part of the evening's events and appropriate donations of some value for auction are requested. Additionally, an ornament exchange is planned.

New Business

New Member Inductions: Paul Broward, Steve Percer, Sasha Calvert, Rainer and Susan Eberhard, Ed and Jan Ferro, Mike and Jean Griffin.

Awards:

- SEO Ann Einboden was presented an award in honor of her nomination for the Charles F. Chapman Outstanding Educator Award
- PC Travis Smith was presented with the Membership Growth Award for period 5/2005-5/2006 for increasing Squadron by 6.17%, ranking us second in District 16
- Power of One Award was presented to Travis Smith
- Power of One Award was presented to Virgil Boyt
- Certificate of Education Proficiency Award was presented to John Van Hoecke

Merit Marks:

Mark Forlenza explained that Merit Marks are earned by any member who dedicates time (at least several hours each month) toward Squadron activities. This year, 33 of 113 members or 29% of the membership will be awarded Merit Marks.

Lighted Boat Parade:

Marc mentioned that this is an annual event sponsored through the SYIYC. Decorate your boats and join in the fun.

At 1945, this portion of the meeting was ended and AO Fred Bowen introduced Brian and Sasha Calvert for their presentation on circumnavigating Vancouver Island with a group of seven boats.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Bowen, Secretary