

**General Meeting  
Friday Harbor Power Squadron  
11 October 2006**

Commander Ron Crenshaw called the meeting to order at 1825 with 27 members present.

Minutes from the 7 September 2006 meeting were approved with an amendment read by Secretary Carolyn Bowen regarding the new Washington State requirement which correctly stated is, "beginning in 2008, Washington State will require that boaters under 20 years of age will need a boating certification card, and then in succeeding years, older boaters will need one, until 2015, when all born after 1955 will be required to have one". This has been so noted on the official minutes of record.

Reports

SEO Ann Einboden reported on the current graduating Boat Smart class of twelve individuals and introduced Heidi Broward from that class who has now joined the Power Squadron. Ann gave an overview on the new class offerings and upcoming seminars along with opportunities for taking advantage of the many discounts offered to USPS members for software, books, and various computer related products.

XO Marc Forlenza reported that he will be representing our Squadron at the District 16 meeting on 13-14 October. Marc is continuing in his efforts for sponsorship by the Friday Harbor Power Squadron in a program making youth PFDs available dockside at the Port.

AO Fred Bowen reported on the successes of the special events of the year to include the Spring Picnic, the Pig War, and the Fall Picnic. Fred introduced Ann Einboden as the presenter for the evening with a slide show on "Using GPS", representative of one of the new seminars being offered.

Treasurer Dan Wittkopp was not available; however Commander Crenshaw reported that we are on track with the 2006-2007 budget.

Secretary Carolyn Bowen asked that everyone sign in with a sign-in sheet provided at each table. This is being done to establish an attendance data point.

Virgil Boyt reported on the VSC program. Nationally we're short by 33% on examinations and down 10% on examiners. Virgil has done 105 inspections for the year and expressed a real need for more examiners to assist Burke Critchfield.

Membership Chair, John Kalbert and John Towson as Member Involvement Chair were introduced.

Commander Ron Crenshaw presented his "Commander's Coin" to Fred Hoepfner for his continuing contributions to the Harbor Lights and for his last contribution of "The Laws of the Navy", a poem which appeared in the October issue of the Harbor Lights. Also noted was his contribution as Chair for the Predicted Log event.

Travis Smith, Nominating Committee Chair, announced his committee to include Burke Critchfield and John Kalbert. Toni Bailey volunteered to help which completes the committee.

New Business:

- Heidi Broward and David Woodall were inducted as new members.
- Christmas Party is slated for Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at the Yacht Club.
- Next General Meeting will be on Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Grange with X/O Marc Forlenza presiding in the Commander's absence. Brian and Sasha Calvert will be the presenters for the evening.

With no further new business, this portion of the meeting was adjourned at 1855.  
Respectfully submitted, Carolyn Bowen, Secretary