

**General Meeting
Friday Harbor Power Squadron
07 September 2006**

Commander Ron Crenshaw called the meeting to order at 1745. Approximately 40 members were present for the Annual Fall Picnic and BBQ at the San Juan County Park.

Reports:

SEO Ann Einboden gave a brief overview on Fall class offerings and upcoming educational opportunities to include the USPS University "short seminars". 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. The Power Squadron will aid in that effort with the offering of classes. Commander Crenshaw added that an USPS Operations class will be conducted this year. Bridge officers will each teach a section of the class. It is hoped that the Power Squadron can reach out to the public and offer more public using the USPS University as a model.

XO Marc Forlenza reported on the Pig War Rendezvous and encouraged more participation in next summer's event to be held in the US. Marc also reported on a potential project that the Power Squadron will sponsor which is to provide youth PFDs at the Port of Friday Harbor. We are asking for donations of youth PFDs.

AO Fred Bowen announced that our next General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 11 October, at the Grange. This is a deviation from our normally scheduled first Thursday of the month meeting due to a conflict in schedule for use of the Grange. Fred also presented sign-up sheets to fill vacancies in chairs and committees. As a result, the Membership Chair will be filled by John Kalbert with Mary Kalbert and Georgia Paden serving on the Committee. John Towson agreed to fill the Memberhip Involvement Committee chair. The committee is responsible, among other things, for new member mentoring and member involvement. Ann Einboden agreed to mentor new member Steve Percer and Fred and Carolyn Bowen agreed to mentor new members David and Penelope Woodall.

Treasurer Dan Wittkopp stated that we are on track with the 2006-2007 budget with \$2,112 in our checking account and \$2,724 in our CD account.

Commander Ron Crenshaw welcomed and inducted two new members: Steve Percer and Penelope Woodall. Ron also introduced his new "Commander's Coin" to be presented to individuals in recognition for "Excellence" in their contribution to the Squadron. The first coin was presented to P/C Virgil Boyt for his exemplary service for his Vessel Safety Check program and for his championing of the first public flare shoot event which took place this summer. The event was so successful that the Squadron plans to incorporate it as an annual event as a part of Boating Safety Week.

Ron further declared that this meeting was a tribute to P/C Virgil Boyt for his outstanding years of service to the Friday Harbor Power Squadron. Ron, Travis, Fred and Marc provided tributes to Virgil for his much appreciated efforts over the years. Virgil is currently working on the Safety Report for the Squadron and will serve as the VSC chair until he leaves the Island.

A Commander's Coin was also presented to Lizz Smith for her excellent work in producing the Harbor Lights these last several years. Ron also remarked that he will present a coin to any member who represents the Squadron at any District, National, or International meeting.

Other Business:

- Mike Chadwick has suffered a broken ankle--Secretary Carolyn Bowen has sent a card on behalf of the Squadron.
- Recognition was given for a birthday this date for Steve Percer's wife, Phyllis Davis, and for a 49th wedding anniversary this date to Ron and Ann Einboden.
- Recognition was given to Virgil and Laura Boyt for their anniversary of 53 years of marriage this past week and for Laura's Birthday in June which was omitted in error from the Harbor Lights by the Commander.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1835.

Respectfully submitted, Carolyn Bowen, Secretary