

**Executive Meeting  
Friday Harbor Power Squadron  
05 September 2006**

Commander Ron Crenshaw called the meeting to order at 1307. Members present were: XO Marc Forlenza, AO Fred Bowen, Secretary Carolyn Bowen, Treasurer Dan Wittkopp, SEO Ann Einboden, P/C Travis Smith, Lt Will Gossett, and Lt Burke Critchfield. A quorum was present.

Minutes from the 2 May 2006 meeting were approved as presented. Also approved were the minutes from the General Meeting of 4 May 2006 which reported that the Budget for 2006/07 was approved as well as the Squadron's Objectives for the coming year.

Reports

SEO – Ann Einboden. Education Report available. Ann presented a comprehensive report on new offerings under the USPS University seminar concept; self study “Guides” on CDs; and “Boat Owner Certification”. In order to expand the list of certified squadron instructors so that there will be enough instructors for the increased number of seminars, we need to offer an Instructor Certification Course for anyone interested. There is no rank requirement. Lt Gossett suggested that a one-hour seminar could be considered during a monthly meeting. Boat Smart is starting Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> and Chart Smart is scheduled for October 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. Advanced Piloting, taught by P/C Smith, will be offered in early October. It is anticipated that the “distress button” on the Digital Selective Calling VHF radio systems will be activated by the end of the year. An online VHF tutorial “Can You Hear Me” is available by accessing [www.BoatUS.com/mmsi](http://www.BoatUS.com/mmsi). Ann will present a briefing at our September General Meeting/Fall Picnic on the new educational opportunities and will make a more detailed presentation as speaker at our October General Meeting presenting the additional navigation and commercial business software programs available as benefits for members of the Power Squadron. Commander Crenshaw has recommended SEO Einboden for the Chapman Award for Outstanding Service. SEO Einboden has agreed to run for an additional term, but suggested identifying someone to take over this critical role in future years.

XO Marc Forlenza and AO Fred Bowen jointly gave the status on our upcoming Fall Picnic and General Meeting on Thursday, 7 September. New members will be identified (seven to be inducted at the picnic if available: Chuck Rust, David and Joan Kinderfather, Bonnie Gilmore, Nancy Stark, Torrey Johnson, David Woodall and Penny Woodall) and it was agreed that Board members would “mentor” at least one or more of our new members at this event. Due to availability conflicts, our October General Meeting will be held Wednesday, 11 October at the Grange rather than the normally scheduled first Thursday of the month.

Treasurer – Dan Wittkopp. With all but one \$26.00 bill paid, we currently have an account balance of \$2,112.00 and \$2,724.00 in our CD account. SEO Einboden requested monies which was approved by the Board for advertising (perhaps up to \$200) for the upcoming Boat Smart Class which will qualify for the Cooperative Advertising Program Rebate

Membership – Vacant. AO Bowen will lead the Membership Chair solicitation effort at the Fall Picnic for the replacement of Richard Grant. Mary Kalbert will be contacted in advance to determine her interests.

VSC – Virgil Boyt. Report Available. With 121 examinations completed for 2006, and while below the desired goal of 130, we have exceeded an additional goal of one VSC for every member or at this time, 108 members. Lt Critchfield is planned as the future replacement for P/C Boyt and will already have completed ten VSCs within the next two weeks. National goal is 35,000--to date, National has completed approximately 20,000 or about 40% below our pledge to the USCGAux.

Under Old Business:

- Commander Crenshaw to prepare report on points earned to date on “Commander’s Challenge” items.
- Fall BBQ/General Meeting covered above.
- Chapman Award covered above.
- D-16 Fall Council/Conference to be held October 13 and 14 in Richland, Washington with XO Forlenza attending in place of the Commander. His presentation will be an overview of our events, including the Pig War Rendezvous.
- Commander Crenshaw introduced his “Commander’s Coin”. This will be made available to select members on a case-by-case basis for a very special “job well done”.
- Plans for the 2007 Pig War are underway with XO Forlenza and AO Bowen co-chairing this event. P/C Smith and Lizz have already volunteered to be on the committee. Roche Harbor is a candidate for an early June venue. A progress report will be presented in January.

Under New Business:

- USPS University and Fall Educational Curriculum covered above.
- Once the Membership Chair is filled, ideally the Commander would like to see this position oversee the Membership Involvement Committee and the Membership Mentor Program.
- Membership Nominating Committee is chaired by P/C Smith with Lt Critchfield as member at large. Two other members at large are required to complete this committee.
- It was suggested and agreed upon that the Harbor Lights publication will be published bi-monthly year round versus monthly now with no summer editions. This will provide better continuity to members, especially during the summer period.

Under Other Business:

- Commander Crenshaw handed out a complete report on the efforts of Safe Boating Week of 20 May 2006. It is hopeful that the flare shoot will become an annual event due to its importance and popularity.
- XO Forlenza suggested that the Friday Harbor Power Squadron sponsor a program where youth PFDs be made available for use at the Port and returned on an “honor system”. We will approach West Marine for the donation of life preservers with the Power Squadron sponsoring the program.
- The Fall Canadian National Conference will be held in Vancouver on 25-28 October 2006.
- Plans are underway for our Christmas party which will be held 7 December. AO Bowen will check on availability at Roche Harbor; P/C Smith to check on feasibility of using the Yacht Club.
- It was agreed that General Meetings and information henceforth will be announced by email versus a telephone calling committee notifying each member. With only eight members out of 108 not having access to email, this will become a trial program. Secretary Carolyn Bowen will provide Ron with all meeting information and food assignments for transmittal to all members via email. The eight members without email addresses will be called.

Next Ex/Com Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 3 October, 2006.

With no further new business, the meeting was adjourned at 1458.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carolyn Bowen, Secretary