

**General Meeting**  
**Friday Harbor Power Squadron**  
**05 September 2007**

Commander Marc Forlenza called the meeting to order at 1800. Approximately 36 members were present for the Annual Fall Picnic / BBQ at San Juan County Park. Sammy Long gave the Invocation and Ron Einboden lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

SEO Ann Einboden gave a brief overview of Fall class offerings. The Basic Boating course has been well advertised and is scheduled to begin September 18<sup>th</sup> at the San Juan Island Yacht Club. Ann needs teachers in several areas to help with the class. Piloting will be offered with date to be determined. It was further suggested that "Cruise Planning" be offered once more as an elective. Ann reported that a new Dell Laptop has been purchased for the Squadron with money paid by Roche Harbor for the new PFD display. We were reminded about available software that has already been ordered and opportunities to order other software, marine related books, chart chips, etc.

New members Daniel and Mary Watson were introduced.

**Old Business**

- Life Jacket Stations at Port of Friday Harbor and Roche Harbor have received rave reviews. Sam Long and Ed Ferro built the Friday Harbor display, Ed Ferro, the Roche Harbor display, with Jan Ferro responsible for the design. The Roche Harbor display was purchased by the marina for \$750, netting the Squadron approximately \$600 in profit which was used to purchase the new Dell Laptop.
- Flare Shoot held May 19<sup>th</sup> was a huge success and attended by an estimated 60 people.
- Pocket Cruise on May 5<sup>th</sup> was the first ever FHPS scheduled cruise. It was initiated by Membership Chair John Towson. The cruise to Prevost Harbor was attended by close to 30 people on 9 boats.
- Pig War, July 6-8 at Port Browning, was well attended with 20 boats and 46 people. We lost the war! Brentwood Bay Squadron seems reinvigorated by their victory.
- Web Site Update. Ron Crenshaw urged each member to update their own information on line and encouraged everyone to become familiar with all the links and information available.

**New Business**

- Sammy Long has resigned as Trustee and Chaplin. His position as Trustee will not be filled on the Bridge as we currently meet requirements. Commander Forlenza has suggested that we rotate amongst members at the meetings to give the Invocation.
- Fall Conference for District 16 is hosted by Deception Pass on October 12-14. Marc encouraged our attendance for this or any future District meeting.
- Guest speaker for the October 4 General Meeting will be Deputy Sheriff, Jon Larson. Jon has been a Deputy Sheriff with the San Juan County Sheriff's Office for over eighteen years. He is currently assigned to the San Juan County Prosecuting Attorney's Office as an Investigator. Jon is credited for initiating boating safety programs and desires to join forces with FHPS. It has been clarified that our role is not to become deputized members with the Sheriff's Office but rather to work together to educate the boating public. Jon wants to share new programs that are in place and to promote methods of communicating and reporting activities that appear unsafe. His goal is to promote safety through education and emphasis on vessel inspections.

- Commander's Coins. Commander Forlenza unveiled the new silver coins for 2007-2008. Coins were presented to individuals recognized for efforts over and above. Recipients were: Ed and Jan Ferro for their extraordinary work with the PFD stations; to Sammy Long for the use of his shop and help in building the PFD stations; to Burke Critchfield for his role as Vessel Safety Chair and credible chance for another year of high number of inspections; to Ron Crenshaw for his efforts with web site and for mentoring as Past Commander; to Travis Smith for source of inspiration and teaching; to Dave Cable for teaching "On Board Weather Forecasting"; to Fred and Carolyn Bowen for their wonderful efforts with the Pig War and Fall Picnic/BBQ.

### **Other Business**

Commander Forlenza introduced the Committee Fair, the idea of which Assistant Administrative Officer Mike Griffin had created to encourage membership participation in support of the Squadron by staffing committee positions. Committee Chairs represented were: Membership Committee, Member Involvement Committee, Educational Committee and Safety Committee. John Towson, Membership Chair. With two recent new member couples and interest by three others in joining, the Squadron continues to grow despite a few losses. John touted the packet of information available as a hand out to encourage membership and wants to work on mentoring new members and encourage their participation in Squadron activities. John suggested that the Vessel Safety Inspectors hand out information packets for joining the Squadron upon completion of the examinations. Ellen Johnson has volunteered to be on John's Membership Committee and will encourage membership when patrons acquire boat insurance.

Mike Griffin, Member Involvement Committee. This committee encourages participation amongst members in the planning, scheduling, and conduct of Squadron activities. Dave and Jane Cable and Bruce and Diane Hall volunteered to help on this committee.

Ann Einboden, Educational Committee. Ann needs help in teaching class segments.

Burke Critchfield, Safety Committee. The purpose of this committee is vessel safety inspections to improve safety on the water. Only about 10 people in the Squadron have had inspections. **WE NEED EVERYONE WITH A BOAT IN THE SQUADRON TO GET AN INSPECTION, IT'S EASY AND WILL GARNER OUR SQUADRON GREAT HONORS.** Thus far, only about half of the required inspections have been performed with a little less than four months until year end. Burke, Ed and Jan Ferro and Bill Paden are all performing vessel safety inspections. Ed Ferro stressed that we are all safety conscious which goes hand in hand with our education and vessel inspections.

The next General Meeting will be held at the Grange on Thursday, October 4.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1855.

Respectfully submitted,  
A/O Carolyn Bowen  
for Jan Ferro, Secretary