

**FRIDAY HARBOR POWER SQUADRON**  
**September General Meeting**  
**MINUTES**  
**Thursday, September 4, 2008**

The Friday Harbor Power Squadron general meeting was called to order at 1847, by Commander Fred Bowen, after the picnic at Lakedale Resort.

There were 43 members in attendance and Cdr. Bowen confirmed that a quorum was present.

The Minutes of the General Meeting of May 1, 2008 were approved as submitted by Ass't Secretary, Penny Woodall

**Squadron Officer's Reports:**

XO Carolyn Bowen deferred her report until later.

SEO P/C Travis Smith reported that the Seamanship course will begin 9/17 at SJIYC. The public boating course will start on September 23, at 7 PM in the Middle School Commons. He reminded everyone that the course offerings are available on our new website. He showed the new FHPS training course brochures, which were adopted from a format used by the Spokane Power Squadron. Jan Ferro was given a Commander's Coin for her work preparing it for the printer.

AO Mike Griffin commented on our Lakedale picnic and he announced that speakers for October will be Mac & Patti Douglas who will share their experience in planning their first trip up the Inside Passage to Alaska, their discoveries, and what they learned.

Treasurer Dan Watson reported that we have \$2,869.83 in checking and \$2,520.72 in the CD. Additional revenue is coming in from Consignment Treasures, cooperative advertising, and sale of caps and burgees.

Secretary Jan Ferro mentioned the need for everyone to use the new website for information regarding our activities. She has discovered a treasure of old Harbor Lights issues and has scanned them to keep on the website archives.

**Committee Reports:**

- Membership Committee – John Towson presented Ron and Marie DiChristina with their membership certificates. Mike and Jan Close, who have rejoined FHPS, along with daughters Caroline and Katherine were sworn in.
- Membership Involvement – Dave Cable remarked that Opening Day was successful with 27 Power Squadron members joining in. The Pocket Cruise was cancelled since there were not enough new members and non boat owners signed up.

- The VSC report was given by Ed Ferro. We have completed 108 vessel exams. He introduced Andrea Douglas as our newest VE and challenged her to get as many VSCs as the other examiners. He pointed out that a number of members have not had a vessel safety check.
- P/C Marc Forlenza reported that the Flare Shoot went off well, except for an experienced demonstrator almost hitting an anchored yacht with a high-powered aerial flare. He remarked that all attendees seemed eager to participate. It was agreed that this be repeated as an activity for the coming year.
- The winner of the Pig War at Port Browning was determined by a very challenging Canadian quiz. The event had equal attendance from the US and Canada. Roche Harbor will be considered as a venue for the coming year as well as Maple Bay, Otter Bay, or Telegraph Harbor.

### **New Business**

- D/16 Fall Conference, October 10-11, Bellingham will be attended by Fred and Carolyn Bowen, Travis and Lizz Smith, Ron Crenshaw, Marc Forlenza & Denece Kost, and Steve Percer.
- The order of business for monthly potluck meetings will test having the social hour and dinner before a short business meeting and the evening speaker to provide time to set out food, particularly hot dishes.
- Dave Good was given a Commander's Coin for his exemplary work on our new website.  
[www.fridayharborpowersquadron.com](http://www.fridayharborpowersquadron.com)
- Ships Store – Carolyn Bowen (for Toni Bailey) reported that we have received a new shipment of caps, in denim, khaki, navy, and red. They sell for \$15 and the new larger burgee is \$25. The navy caps are most in demand.
- Marc Forlenza, spoke of how pleased he was to see how the squadron is carrying on since he now has P/C before his name.

Other Items: Next General Meeting, Thursday, October 2, 2009

Adjournment was at 1917

Respectfully submitted  
Jan Ferro, Secretary