

**FRIDAY HARBOR POWER SQUADRON**  
**February 2009 General Meeting**  
**MINUTES**  
**Thursday, Feb 5, 2009**

Cdr. Fred Bowen called the meeting to order at 1830 at the Friday Harbor Grange with 38 persons present. The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by WWII Veteran, Dave Woodall. Bruce Hall gave the Invocation. Dinner followed.

The Minutes of General meeting of Jan 8, 2008 were approved as posted on the website. No guests were in attendance.

**Squadron Officer's Reports:**

XO Carolyn Bowen thanked those who had helped set up tables and chairs and also for the food everyone provided.

SEO Travis Smith - The piloting class is working on the final exam this week. Only 7 signed up for Advanced Piloting. Jan Ferro, Mike Close and Dave Good are going to complete the course as independent study. Dates were announced for Sail to begin May 5<sup>th</sup>, Weather starts April 21<sup>st</sup>. The Marine Radar Seminar will be May 30<sup>th</sup>. A sign-up sheet was sent around for others interested in Sail, Weather (12 weeks), and a 2-hour Marine Radar Seminar

AO Mike Griffin announced that the March 5<sup>th</sup> General Meeting , will focus on the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Town of Friday Harbor. Nourdine Jensen, lifelong San Juan Island resident, will speak on the SJI maritime history.

Treasurer Dan Watson reported that we have \$5,548 in checking and \$2,546.95 in the Business certificate at 2.47% interest.

Secretary Jan Ferro thanked those members who have updated their personal information by going on-line to the Squadron Roster. Since the first of the year 28 have done so.

**Committee Reports:**

Membership Committee – John Towson announced that we have two new members who are awaiting induction.

Membership Involvement – Dave Cable reported that he is working on the May Pocket Cruise and it looks like we may be able to use the Seattle Yacht Club Outstation on Henry Island. He still has to get it passed by the SYC Executive Committee. SYC non-members will only be able to access the dock by dingy.

VSC – Ed Ferro, reporting for Burke Critchfield, showed the new 2009 decals. We have 150 decals and would like to get members' boats done early before the Flare Shoot and before the various summer rendezvous begin. The Roche Harbor group will try to get together as a group inspection on a single day. As Safety Officer, Ed Ferro advised everyone to check their fire extinguishers and regularly lay them down on a flat surface to prevent caking in the bottom.

Our speaker, Nick Teague, BLM Ranger for the San Juan Islands, was introduced by AO Mike Griffin. Nick showed a PowerPoint presentation on the work that has been done to restore the lighthouse on Patos Island. It was a joint effort of the BLM, Orcas Fire Department, and Friends of the Patos Light. Through a private grant, a local contractor was hired to undertake major repairs to the roof, paint, windows and foundation. The island has 7 primitive campsites and 2 Washington Parks mooring buoys. It may be open for visitors on Saturday during the summer. He recommends the book "The Light on the Island" by Helene Glidden, which documents tales of her childhood on Patos Island from 1905 to 1913.

**Old Business:**

P/C Marc Forlenza announced that the XO position still is open and is critical for the continuation of the Squadron. Anyone interested should contact Marc.

**New Business:**

Nor'westing 2010 and our Squadron's Involvement – Travis Smith. This national event will draw 60 boats, including many boaters from the East Coast who will charter boats here and cruise our waters in September of 2010. There are already 20 boats registered and they have asked FHPS to supply a full wet bar at the Fairgrounds for the group during the Port of Friday Harbor overnight. We have a good opportunity for visibility at both the Roche Harbor and Friday Harbor events.

Change of Watch (COW), April 2<sup>nd</sup> – XO Carolyn Bowen Announced that the menu will be the same as last year with prime rib or King salmon. She will be getting a clip and mail out soon. The COW will be at the San Juan Island Yacht Club. The cost will be \$28 with the Bridge and others providing appetizers and desserts. AO Mike Griffin will get a sign-up out for those. The decorating group will be Carolyn, Travis Smith, Penny Woodall, and Toni Bailey.

The Squadron approved a budget item for the Commander's partial travel expense reimbursement for Spring and Fall District Conference events and for SEO to attend the Educational Conference since these benefit the Squadron by having representation. The actual cost for Squadron Commander or his designee to attend is around \$600 for a two day conference. Dan Watson moved that \$400 be included in the budget for each two-day conference and \$200 for the Educational meeting. This was seconded by Sharon Towson and unanimously passed by the group.

America's Boating Course – Ann Einboden is very enthusiastic about the new ABC course with CDs and excellent illustrations, including video clips. She spoke of the use of funds for Educational purposes. HS students are offered ABC at 50% discount. In addition, Ann is looking into purchasing improved training aid(s) such as docking and radar simulators for use in various classes.

Ship's Store – Toni Bailey displayed caps that are for sale at \$15 and two different sized pennants at \$15 and \$25. She also mentioned that sweatshirts would soon be available for the coming boating season.

Other Items: Next General Meeting, March 5, 2009.

Adjournment was at 2003.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Ferro, Secretary.