

FRIDAY HARBOR POWER SQUADRON
Executive Committee Minutes
Tuesday, March 3, 2009

XO Carolyn Bowen called the meeting to order at 1307 in the Conference Room of the Friday Harbor Library.

In attendance were: XO Carolyn Bowen, Public Boating Chair Ann Einboden, AO Mike Griffin, Treasurer Dan Watson, Secretary Jan Ferro, Membership Chair John Towson, Member Involvement Chair Dave Cable, VSC Chair Burke Critchfield, Safety Officer Ed Ferro, and P/C Marc Forlenza.

The Minutes of the Bridge and Ex/Com Meeting for February 3, 2009 were approved with a change to the Minutes noted by Travis. Regarding Nor'westing 2010, it should read, The Cruise has a budget of \$45K with "*entry cost per boat estimated at \$250-\$270*". The final fee will not be established until Sept. 1, 2009.

Squadron Officer's Reports:

XO Carolyn Bowen reported that Cdr. Fred Bowen, will be returning Thursday afternoon for the meeting.

SEO Travis Smith (absent). Public Boating Chair Ann Einboden gave his report. Course materials for the Weather Course were received early last week and are now being reviewed. Presently there are 15 members enrolled to attend the course, which is scheduled to start on Tuesday, April 21, and run for ten weeks. Location will be the Yacht Club.

The Marine Radar materials have been reviewed. The Seminar is scheduled for Saturday, May 23 at the Yacht Club. The May 30 date as indicated on the Squadron's web site will need to be updated to reflect the change in dates.

The student's piloting exams have been mailed to HQ. A quick overview of the exams indicated the three students did well.

Ann reported that there are 9 students in the Americas Boating Course with 2 others doing self-study on Lopez Island.

AO Mike Griffin reported that the Thursday General Meeting program is in order with Mike Vouri speaking on Friday Harbor, "A Town on an Inland Sea," a maritime history, with Nourdine Jensen filling in on the ship building at Jensen's Shipyard. Kevin Loftus of the Historical Society will have copies of the book available for sale to benefit the Historical Society.

Treasurer Dan Watson, reported that we have \$5,050.34 in our checking account and \$2,552.30 in the business certificate. The budget for next year will be drafted in mid March.

Secretary Jan Ferro reported on the flyer for March, Clip and Mail for the COW, and the COW program.

Committee Reports:

Membership Committee—John Towson reported that Bish Wheeler has joined the Power Squadron. He is sponsored by Mike Close, for whom he works, at San Juan Island Marine Center.

Membership Involvement—Dave Cable recently met with the Seattle Yacht Club and received approval for our use of the Henry Island SYC Out Station for our May Picnic. It will be on Saturday, May 9, from 1200 to 1500. He will get a sign-up out soon to arrange transportation.

VSC—Burke Critchfield reported that we have 12 VSCs reported to National in 2009, and we currently are 4th in the district.

Safety Officer—Ed Ferro reported that it is time to get VSCs performed on Squadron Members' boats before the busy boating season.

Old Business:

Change of Watch (COW) 4/2/09—XO Carolyn Bowen confirmed that P/C Marc Forlenza will be listed as Executive Officer. Linens have been ordered, and the final cost of dinner will be \$28.02. The Squadron will cover any additional costs above \$28 per person. There is a question of gratuity which will be discussed with the Club Manager.

The District 16 Spring Conference, March 27-29, will be at the Doubletree Inn, Southcenter, WA, and will be attended by Cdr. Fred Bowen, XO Carolyn Bowen, SEO Travis Smith, and Harbor Lights Editor Lizz Divers-Smith.

Nor' Westing 2010—The cruise list is filled, with 13 vessels currently wait listed, except for nine openings still available for District 16 members' boats. Information was E-mailed last week to the FHPS Ex/Com on how to sign up, if interested.

The District 16 Rendezvous is scheduled for June 19-21 at the Port of Poulsbo. Several events are scheduled, which include a steak dinner on Saturday evening. Advanced Boat Operator Certification/Qualification will be available starting Thursday, June 18. A two-hour seminar, "On Board Weather Forecasting", will be offered on Saturday. The rendezvous theme this year is "Calypso Rhythms." Music and entertainment will be provided by the D/16 band!

New Business:

Offering ABC Course to Middle School students—Ann Einboden reported that Principal Ann Spratt has suggested offering the USPS Boating Course for the Exploratory Program since the state's Boating Card is required before operating a boat. P/C Folenza commented an appropriate use of our funds would be to provide course materials for the Middle School students.

Beach Watchers & Shore Stewards Volunteers—XO Carolyn Bowen reported for P/C Travis Smith on an opportunity, supported by District, for members to get involved as volunteers to work on maintaining the marine environment. AO Mike Griffin is a member of a group that requires training through WSU and 100 hours of volunteer work. He explained more fully the options open to volunteers. Mike's college background is in marine biology. The training is pending funding by the state. Shan Weston is the San Juan Director for those interested. Another opportunity for volunteer work is with Nick Nash and the Friends of the San Juans.

Opening Day Event—This is in coordination with the SJI Yacht Club on May 2nd and 3rd. May 2nd is the Dock-Tail Party and the Parade is on May 3d. Arrangements for this will be coordinated through Member Involvement Chair and Port Captain Steve Percer.

Safe Boating Week, May 16-22--This again falls on the dates of the Grand Banks Rendezvous at Roche Harbor, where the VEs will be busy with vessel safety checks. The Flare Shoot headed by P/C Marc with Burke, Ed and Travis, will be held Sunday afternoon May 17.

Predicted Log-- Will be held June 13th rather than the 6th. Burke Critchfield, Fred Hoepfner, and Travis Smith will be organizing the event.

Pig War, Roche Harbor, July 10-12—XO Carolyn Bowen announced that we have 10 slips reserved at \$1.55 a foot. The large grass area will be available for games and the picnic. We will need to furnish tables and grills. P/C Marc suggested having pulled pork rather than cooking a pig and offered his expertise in preparation.

John Towson reminded people we have our membership renewals at this time with a slight increase in dues.

Harbor Lights--Articles for **Harbor Lights are due to Lizz by Friday March 6th**.

Other Items: Next Ex/Com meeting, Tuesday, March 31, 2009

The meeting was adjourned at 1430.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Ferro, Secretary