

FRIDAY HARBOR POWER SQUADRON
March General Meeting
MINUTES
Thursday, March 5, 2009

Commander Fred Bowen called the meeting to order at 1830 at the Grange in Friday Harbor. The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by P/C Marc Forlenza and the Invocation given by Steve Percer.

Dinner followed

The Minutes from February 5th General Meeting were approved as posted on the website.

The introduction of guests included our speakers Mike Vouri, co-author of “Images of America—Friday Harbor”, speaker Nourdine Jensen, Kevin Loftus of the San Juan Historical Museum, Al Sundstrum and wife Deanna from an old island family, and a new member Bish Wheeler. Sammy Long noted his wife, Laura, has recovered from hip surgery.

Squadron Officer’s Reports:

XO Carolyn Bowen thanked those who had come early to set up tables and chairs.

SEO Travis Smith was not available, so the Education report was given by Ann Einboden, Public Boating Education Chair. She stated the new Americas Boating Course is very good and that AO Mike Griffin and Mike Close had provided excellent presentations. Ann will be teaching the Weather Course, starting April 21st for 10 weeks. The Marine Radar Seminar will be on a Saturday morning at the Yacht Club on May 16 or June 20. The Middle School is interested in offering the ABC course for credit so students can qualify for the required Washington Boater Education Card. FHPS would supply the materials as a way of using our funds for public education and safety.

Treasurer Dan Watson reported that we have \$5,001.80 in Checking and 2,552.30 in the Business CD at 2.47%. At the meeting, he also received \$90 collected from the Ships Store sales.

Secretary Jan Ferro had no report but was asked to announce March birthdays for Bill Bates, Elaine Gifford, Commander Fred Bowen, and Ed Ferro.

Committee Reports:

Membership Committee – John Towson announced the receipt of membership application and dues from Bish Wheeler, sponsored by Mike Close. Bish works with Mike and lives aboard a 52’ powerboat in the Port.

Membership Involvement – Dave Cable now has approval from the Seattle Yacht Club for our use of the Henry Island Out Station for our May Picnic and meeting. This will be a Saturday, May 9th from noon until 3. Approval of the budget will be a main item for the meeting. Transportation will be on boats with the SYC burgee, while others can anchor and use dinghies.

VSC – Burke Critchfield announced that we did 129 VSCs last year and are shooting for more this year. He sent around a sign up sheet for VSCs. Marc Forlenza added that there is no excuse for our members not to have their boats inspected. SUBs (sport utility boats) can also be inspected.

Fred announced that Chris Beachamp has completed his Captain's license.

Safety Officer – Ed Ferro reiterated that he also is focusing on VSCs now. With spring here, it is also time to check for possible leaks, particularly hose clamps where two clamps are recommended; check life preservers for mold; and check flare expiration dates.

Old Business:

Change of Watch (COW) 4/2/09—XO Carolyn Bowen - A clip and mail for reservations for the dinner at the Yacht Club will go out on March 6th with a response needed by March 24th. A reminder will be in Harbor Lights. AO Griffin sent around a sign up for people willing to provide appetizers and desserts in order to keep the price low. Our District guests will be D/ Commander Barbara Erickson and husband Steve, D/XO Joanna Webster, and D/Secretary Travis Smith.

USPS National Meeting, Anaheim, CA, 2/17-22, Summary—XO Carolyn Bowen reported for Travis Smith who attended the conference, a first for FHPS. National is working to upgrade the course offerings and marketing of those rather than depending on dues for operation.

New Business:

Beach Watchers & Shore Stewards Volunteers—AO Mike Griffin covered the opportunity for volunteer work with this group. Travis plans to take the 16 day class for training. The 100 hours of training is through WSU and requires 100 hours over two years in environmental work. Contact Mike or Travis if you are interested. Nick Nash has a related effort through the Friends of the San Juans to clean up beaches and trash on beaches and in the water. Financial support is required.

Upcoming Events:

D/16 Spring Conference, March 27-29, Seattle—Fred Bowen reported that this will be attended by the Cdr. Fred Bowen, XO Carolyn Bowen, SEO Travis Smith, and Harbor Lights Editor Lizz Divers-Smith.

Opening Day Event, May 2nd and 3rd, SJIYC—Fred Bowen has appointed Membership Involvement Committee Chair and Port Captain, Steve Percer, as the FHPS coordinator with the San Juan Island Yacht Club. Steve has a number of boats lined up to represent FHPS in the Parade on Sunday, March 3rd. The 2nd is the Dock-Tail Party.

Safe Boating Week, May 16-22, **Flare Shoot, May 17th**, Jackson Beach—Fred Bowen announced that the Flare Shoot will be held on Sunday afternoon to allow the VEs to perform VSCs at the Grand Banks Rendezvous on Saturday, May 16. Marc Forlenza, Burke Critchfield, Ed Ferro, and Travis Smith will lead this effort.

Predicted Log, now June 13th (changed from June 6th), SJIYC—Cdr. Bowen noted that Burke Critchfield, Fred Hoepfner, and Travis Smith are working on this.

D/16 Spring Rendezvous to Poulsbo, June 19-21—The theme is Calypso Rhythms and will feature a District 16 band. Advance Boat Operator Certification will be offered on Thursday.

Pig War, Roche Harbor, July 10-12—XO Carolyn Bowen reported that we have 10 slips reserved at \$1.55 a foot and there is a large area for free anchoring. We need to brush up on bocce ball skills

in order to recapture the Pig Trophy from the Canadians. Marc Forlenza has accepted responsibility for the pig entrée.

Nor'westing 2010—XO Carolyn Bowen reported this National Cruise will be held with 60 boats leaving from Anacortes on Sept. 5th and returning on Sept. 11th. They will have a dinner at the San Juan County Fairgrounds on September 10th. FHPS will host the refreshments at the Fairgrounds, sell Captain Ed caps, and join in the fun. There are 9 slots left to register boat participation and for more information, see the link on our web site.

Ship's Store—Toni Bailey sold items from her new supply of caps during the social hour. Shirts and vests are also available by order.

Speaker: Mike Griffin introduced Kevin Loftus, of the San Juan Historical Museum, who promoted the book "Images of America—Friday Harbor", co-authored by Mike Vouri, Park Ranger for the San Juan Island National Historic Park and stationed at American Camp. Of over 2,000 photos held by the Historical Society, 203 were selected for the book. Mike presented a slide show with additional narration by Nourdine Jensen, age 93, and Charter Member of the Friday Harbor Power Squadron. Nourdine was born at Jenson Shipyard, son of one of 4 Jensen brothers, the early San Juan Island shipbuilders.

Nourdine pointed out the dependence of the Islands on early ferry service, mostly supported by the US Postal Service. Al Sundstrum, another old time islander, also attended.

Cdr. Fred Bowen presented Commander's Coins to Kevin and Mike for their service to Friday Harbor Power Squadron and asked P/C Marc Forlenza to present one to Nourdine as member, friend, and neighbor for Nourdine's contribution.

Other Items: Next General Meeting will be the Change of Watch, Thursday, April 2nd, SJIYC

Adjournment was at 2035.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Ferro, Secretary