

**FRIDAY HARBOR POWER SQUADRON**  
**September 2009 - General Meeting**  
**MINUTES**  
**Thursday, September 10, 2009**

Cdr. Carolyn Bowen called the Fall Picnic/General Meeting at Lakedale Resort, to Order at 1800. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by sisters, Carolyn & Kathryn Close. The Invocation was given by Steve Percer. With 41 attendees, a quorum was confirmed. The Minutes of the General Meeting for May 9, 2009, held on Henry Island, were approved as posted.

**BREAK FOR DINNER** Resume Meeting

**Squadron Officer's Reports:**

XO, Marc Forlenza, commented that as we are starting up again following the summer break, it is time to think about volunteering. Everyone should think about what they can do as their part to help the Friday Harbor Power Squadron.

SEO, Travis Smith, was not in attendance as he was in Kansas City for a National Governing Board meeting. Ann Einboden gave his report. The Weather course ended in June with 20 successfully completing the course. The Sail course, with Jack McKenna as instructor, had considerable on-the-water time. Scheduled soon is the Radar Seminar which will be on Monday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at the Yacht Club. The Engine Maintenance course will begin on Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Seamanship will begin November 10<sup>th</sup>, which is comparable to the USCG 6-Pack License.

AO, Mike Griffin, was not in attendance.

Treasurer, Dan Watson, was not in attendance. Cdr. Carolyn gave his report which showed \$3,813 in Checking and \$2,579 in the Certificate of Deposit.

Secretary, Penny Woodall, was not in attendance. Assistant Secretary, Jan Ferro, reported that we had 41 in attendance.

**Committee Reports:**

Membership Committee—John Towson reported that Friday Harbor is first in membership growth and member retention in the District. We have signed on 19 new members since the first of the year. Five of the new members were in attendance.

Induction was held for Paul Barger, Bob and Vonnie Allen and Mike and Sandy Killian.

Membership Involvement—Steve Percer stated that as with any organization, 10% of the members do 90% of the work. His focus is to get more members involved. His plan is to continually have sign-up sheets available for various events and special requests. He will track those members who do volunteer and present "Certificates of Appreciation" to them at the Holiday dinner meeting.

VSC—Burke Critchfield reported that we are now tied for second in District 16, with 142 VSCs of our annual goal of 150.

Safety Officer—Ed Ferro explained the need to store gas cylinders in a vented compartment without using it for other items. He mentioned to be mindful of your wake as you are responsible for any damages. And finally, WEAR YOUR PFDs.

Public Boating Chair—Ann Einboden reported that the America's Boating Class, with 28 people signed up, will begin September 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Middle School. This continues for 6 weeks.

**Old Business:** *A Quick Overview of Summer Events*

Flare Shoot (May 17)—P/C Marc Forlenza gave a short review of this year's Flare Shoot, noting that 40 attendees were easier to get through the hands-on work with fire extinguishers and flares. The reduction in attendance was due to having it on a Sunday and also a conflict with another event.

Predicted Log (June 13)—Burke Critchfield commented that with only 5 entries we should look into increasing participation.

International Cruiser Navigation Contest (July 18)—Burke Critchfield. The 17 volunteer observers enjoyed seeing those deeply dedicated to Predicted Log navigation and meeting many new people.

Pig War (July 11)—P/C Fred Bowen. We did recapture the trophy. One important factor this year was having a joint docktail party on Friday. This genuinely promoted camaraderie with the Brentwood Bay Power Squadron which carried on through the Saturday games and feasting. The pork was the best yet, with many thanks to Marc and Denece.

**New Business:**

USPS D/16 & CPS-WCID Int'l Fall Conference in Penticton, B.C.—Cdr. Carolyn Bowen. This will take place October 23-25. Because FHPS is first in District 16 for membership growth and retention, Cdr. Bowen has been asked to give a presentation on why we are experiencing success where other squadrons are not. In addition to the Bowens, also attending are Bob and Vonnie Allen (new members), P/C Marc Forlenza & Denece Kost, and SEO, Travis and Lizz Smith.

December General Meeting / Holiday Party—Cdr. Carolyn Bowen has reserved the San Juan Island Yacht Club for December 3<sup>rd</sup>. The event will continue in the same successful format as last year with the auction being a main focus. Steve Percer passed around sign-up sheets to get volunteers to bring appetizers and desserts.

**Other Items:**

Ships Store—Toni Bailey encouraged the purchase of caps and pennants. She will place a new order when the current inventory sells.

Next General Meeting, October 1<sup>st</sup>, at the Grange—Cdr. Carolyn Bowen announced that Mike Kaill, who is the Aquarium Keeper at the Front Street Pier, will be our guest speaker. His studies involve problems in pollutants which are carried into the Harbor.

The meeting was adjourned at 1930.

Respectfully submitted, Jan Ferro, Assistant Secretary for Penny Woodall