

**Friday Harbor Power Squadron  
November 2009 General Meeting  
MINUTES**

Thursday, November 5, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 1830 by **Cdr. Carolyn Bowen** with 41 members & 2 guests (speaker & his wife) present, a quorum was confirmed. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Michael Hoeller followed by the Invocation by Mary Kalbert. Minutes were approved for the October 1, 2009 General Meeting.

**Break for dinner** Meeting resumed @ 1912.

**Squadron Officer's Reports:**

**XO – Marc Forlenza**

- . Holiday Party/General Meeting & auction at the S.J.I.Y.C. December 3rd. We're looking for high quality but lower cost items. We'd like to continue this tradition, but try to make it blend in with the current economic situation. Please contact Marc if you have any items for the auction. Steve Percer, Burke Critchfield & Ed Ferro have offered to help. P/C Fred Bowen will be our Auctioneer. Another flyer will be in this next issue of Harbor Lights.

**AO – Mike Griffin**

- . We're lining up a guest speaker for January 7; Bud & LaVey Norquest will present "Spirit Bears on Princess Royal Island" at our February 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- . Compliments of the S.J.I. Rotary, we're trying out a new PA system tonight. Cdr. Bowen, using the new system, pointed out how small the unit is, only weighing 5 lbs & seems to work fine.

**SEO – Travis Smith**

- . Cancelled the Seamanship & Engine Maintenance classes due to lack of students. We need at least 6 students in all fairness to the instructors. Seamanship will now be offered in January; hopefully we'll get enough students to offer an Engine Maintenance class. Piloting will be offered sometime in March. Check the website for schedules. We are scheduling 2 seminars, one each January & February on Chart Reading & Anchoring. These are open to the public, like our Radar seminar which had 31 people.

**TREASURER – Cdr. Carolyn Bowen for Dan Watson**

- . Checking account balance \$4,291.27
- . Business Certificate \$2,588.07.

**SECRETARY – Penny Woodall**

- . Nothing to report.

## **Committee Reports:**

### **Membership Committee – John Towson**

- . Interest in joining the FHPS has been expressed by 5-10 ABC class graduates.
- . Inductions tonight for Sherwood “Woody” & Margaret “Peggy” Morf and Michelle Lucian.

### **VSC – Burke Critchfield**

- . We surpassed our goal of 150; we are now at 158, the largest number of vessel inspections ever achieved by the FHPS. When you joined the Power squadron you agreed to operate your boat in a safe manner. One way to insure that is to have a vessel inspection. Thanks to Ed Ferro for his dedication.

### **Safety Officer – Ed Ferro**

- . Safe to keep expired flares 4 years, safe & dry. Keep 3 current flares on board and the expired ones as extras. After the 4 years, bring them to the flare shoot. Aerial Parachute Flare is the best flare & Smoke Flares are very important.
- . Winter brings icy weather, be careful on the docks & your boat.
- . Caution when working on your boat, especially gasoline engines.

### **Public Boating Chair – Travis Smith for Ann Einboden**

- . The ABC class had 20 graduates.
- . Nine people have signed up thus far for the Seamanship class in January.

## **Old Business:**

### **P/C Fred Bowen**

- . District 16/WCID Fall Conference, October 23-25.  
We were well represented, thanks to new members Robert & Vonnie Allen who brought 2 guests; District Secretary Travis Smith & Lizz; Cdr. Carolyn Bowen & P/C Fred Bowen. Cdr. Bowen gave a presentation on “Why FHPS is growing faster & retaining more members than any other squadron in this entire district”. Cdr. Bowen has written an article for the January issue of Cardinal Points on this topic. The Canadian Power Squadron is doing extremely well nationally & gave a power point presentation on MAP (Member Acquisition & Retention Plan). Cdr. Bowen was awarded first prize for our “old” training model ship used for Navigation Lights & Docking as a Teaching Aid for Seamanship. Full report of Conference will be in Harbor Lights.

### **Nomination Chair – P/C Fred Bowen**

- . This squadron needs your fresh ideas. Any member is invited to attend our Executive Committee Meetings held on the first Tuesday of the month in the library conference room. The Nominating Committee does have a slate for next year which will be voted on at our December meeting. We’re pleased to announce that all current officers will stay on for another year except the AO and Gary Parker has agreed to fill that position. Our current committee members have also agreed to stay on for another year. Nominations will be posted in Harbor Lights.

**New Business:**

**SEO – P/C Travis Smith**

- . Cooperative Charting Challenge, Small Craft Facility Update.  
Using chart 18423; interface with the Harbor Master at:  
Roche Harbor – team captains, Bill & Rebbie Bates; P/C Fred Bowen  
& Cdr. Carolyn Bowen assisting.  
Port of Friday Harbor – team captain, P/C Marc Forlenza; Carolyn  
Haugen assisting.  
Deer Harbor – team captain, P/C Travis Smith; Dean Mack, Michael  
Hoeller, Ed Ferro and Susan Ley assisting.

**Ship's Store – Toni Bailey**

- . Hats available for \$15 and burgees for \$25.

**Guest Speaker: Bob Brunkow** with an Overview of Developments in Marine

Electronics. Founder of ICOM in the U.S., topics tonight include amateur radio on boats; emergency locating Beacons; AIS (Automatic Identification System); marine radios; VHF antennas and more. There are websites on these topics and more which you'll find very informative.

Next General Meeting, Thursday, December 3, 2009.

Meeting adjourned at 2030.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Penny Woodall, Secretary

