

**FRIDAY HARBOR POWER SQUADRON**  
**January 2009 Executive Committee**  
**MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2009**

Cdr. Fred Bowen called the meeting to order at 1300 in the Friday Harbor Library, Conference Room.

In attendance were: Cdr. Fred Bowen, XO Carolyn Bowen, AEO Ann Einboden, Treasurer Dan Watson, Secretary Jan Ferro, Membership Chairman John Towson, VSC Chairman Burke Critchfield, and Safety Officer Ed Ferro.

The Minutes of the Bridge and Ex/Com Meeting of Dec. 2, 2008 were approved as distributed.

**Squadron Officer's Reports:**

XO Carolyn Bowen – Deferred her report to wait for the December Holiday Meeting topic to come up on the agenda. She did mention preparations have begun for COW on April 2. The Yacht Club has been reserved and dinner arrangements are being worked out with the Club Manager.

SEO Travis Smith sent his report with Public Boating Course Chair, Ann Einboden.

The current piloting class is at its half-way mark, completing its fifth week this evening. We have 6 squadron members enrolled in the class, plus one member taking it for a refresher. With the current schedule, the class should be able to finish one week earlier than planned, which would be on February 3. The Advanced Piloting class will be moved a bit later in February.

The Instructor's Sail Course Manuals and Overheads were received and passed on to Jack McKenna to review. Hopefully, we will be able to offer Sail to the membership in April or May, if there is enough interest. A sign-up sheet will be available for Thursday's General Meeting in order to obtain the degree of interest.

There will also be a sign-up sheet for Weather circulated Thursday, to obtain the amount of interest and determine if it or Sail should take priority for the next Elective Class offered.

The Instructor's Manuals for the newly released "America's Boating Course, Edition 3" (ABC 3) were ordered for Ann to review in mid December, along with the USPS Marine Radar Seminar Kit. Ann is planning to offer "ABC 3" beginning Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at the Middle School.

SEO Smith is looking for another "volunteer instructor" to help present the Marine Radar two hour seminar sometime in May. We'll also have a sign-up sheet for the Marine Radar Seminar available Thursday Evening.

AO Mike Griffin will introduce Capt. Richard Rodriguez, of Vessel Assist, as the speaker on Thursday meeting speaking on Safety and Sea Tales.

Treasurer Dan Watson reported that we have \$5,894.27 in checking and \$2,541.61 in the Business certificate.

Secretary Jan Ferro had questions as to which roster was current. She has given Fred and Carolyn a proposal for how each member can keep their information current on the website

as an alternative to the former questionnaires that were distributed every year. XO Carolyn will do the e-mail distribution

**Committee Reports:**

Membership Committee – John Towson reported that we have several new members to be sworn in should they be at the Thursday meeting. They are: Rusty & William VanRooy, Kerwin and Margaret Johnson, Denise Ireland and Luke Furber, Jeanne Marie Dickerson, and Phillip Johnson.

Membership Involvement – Dave Cable was absent.

VSC – Burke Critchfield was pleased to announce that with 129 VSCs we finished 2008 as second in the District. Andrea Douglas completed her 5 and is enthusiastic about continuing.

Safety Officer Ed Ferro mentioned that for every boat sinking “at sea”, 4 sink at the dock, due to failure of thru-hull fittings, hose clamps, failure of bilge pumps, clogged scuppers. Also flares may be current, but are no good if damp. Ed will give the VSC report Thursday.

**Old Business:**

- 1.) FHPS Holiday Function, December 4 - XO Carolyn Bowen reported on the December event. Dan Watson reported expenses were \$643.00. The auction brought in \$2160.00 with additional income from the dinner receipts.
- 2.) Nominating Committee Report –P/C Marc Forlenza was absent, but we still have two positions to be filled. The XO position is critical for the continuation of the Squadron.

**New Business:**

- 1.) We have a large list of volunteers for the International Power Boat Association Predicted Log event, scheduled for July 18, 2009.
- 2.) The use of FHPS Funds for Educational Activities for 2009 was discussed again. It is necessary that our officers attend various USPS and District functions and need some support to defray the expense. Nick Nash has requested financial support for his efforts to clean up San Juan shorelines. The Leos are candidates for support to defray costs for maintaining certain county parks and John Towson said it is mostly a need for supervision. These parks are mostly used by kayakers. Ann Einboden suggested another use of the funds could be to continue to offer the ABC course to High School students for our cost (a 50% savings).
- 3.) Harbor Lights articles are due January 15.
- 4.) The recent USPS Member Survey has shown that members value education and fraternity highest, but are not supportive of the paramilitary/traditional approach. National USPS intends to focus more on a market based organization than a dues based organization.

Other Items: Next Ex/Com Meeting, Tuesday, February 3, 2009

Adjournment was at 1402

Respectfully submitted,  
Jan Ferro, Secretary.