

**Friday Harbor Power Squadron  
January 2010 General Meeting**

MINUTES

Thursday, January 7, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 1832 by **Cdr. Carolyn Bowen** with 44 members present, 3 guests (Ken & Pat Smith, Tristen Joy) and 1 guest speaker (Kari Koski). The Pledge of Allegiance was led by P/C & SEO Travis Smith, followed with the Invocation by Steve Percer. Minutes were approved for the December 3, 2009 General Meeting.

**Break for dinner:** Meeting resumed @ 1915.

**Squadron Officer's Reports:**

**XO – Marc Forlenza**

- . Our organization has grown considerably over the years, but we still have the same people at the top. We need new faces volunteering to become officers & help with various activities. Thanks to all of you for coming tonight.

**SEO – Travis Smith**

- . **PBC, Ann Einboden**, unable to be here tonight, so would like to begin with her ABC (America's Boating Course) scheduled to start February 23, at the Middle School, Rm 6, will run for 6 weeks. Books, materials, advertising flyers & notices will be posted around town, newspapers & on the Internet.
- . The 2010 Squadron Course Schedule is currently being updated & will be available to review on the Squadron's Website soon.
- . Engine Maintenance scheduled to start January 26 with Ed Ferro instructing. I need a firm count of those planning on taking the course this week.
- . Leadership Development Student Manuals are available to any member planning on taking this course, probably early May. This is a unique program of education & training relative to the organization & its activities at Squadron, District & National levels.
- . USPS has several 2 hour Seminars available for PowerPoint Presentation, i.e. "How To Use a Chart", "Coastal Navigation & "Using GPS". Check Harbor Lights for dates.
- . USPS-NOAA Cooperative Charting Program: Small Craft Facility Reports:
  - Roche Harbor: Bill & Rebbie Bates
  - Port of Friday Harbor: P/C Marc Forlenza
  - Deer Harbor: P/C Travis SmithReports due by January 31<sup>st</sup>.
- . Please check our Website for updates and information on National & District upcoming activities.

**AO – Mike Griffin**

- . Speaker for February's meeting tentatively planned & will confirm.

**Treasurer – Dan Watson**

- . Checking account balance \$6,091.00, up \$54 from last year.
- . Business Certificate \$2,596.00, up \$55 from last year.
- . Net from our December Holiday Party is \$1,891.00.

### **SECRETARY – Penny Woodall**

- . Nothing to report.

### **Committee Reports:**

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

- . We had 35 new members in 2009 & 7 are here tonight for induction:  
Tom & Jane Campbell, Calvin & Kathy Paulsen, Carol H. Good,  
Bob Jamieson and Susan Nielson.
- . New member Calvin Paulsen passed around brochures on a new mooring device he's developed, which has 6 different functions. A website is listed on this brochure for additional information.

#### **Membership Involvement – Steve Percer**

##### **. “Listen up”!**

What makes a club successful is people volunteering and helping out. We have so many great activities coming up this year, I know you'll want to participate.

- . COW (Change of Watch), April 8, SJIYC. Help needed mainly to greet, decorate & make desserts.
- . Opening Day, May 1<sup>st</sup> would like dock assistance & boat participation.
- . Spring picnic on Tum Island. Transportation via the Pintail boarding at Shipyard Cove, Saturday, May 8.
- . Flare Shoot on May 16, P/C Marc Forlenza in charge & will need about 5-6 people.
- . Predicted Log, June 12 will need about 4-5 people to help.
- . July 4<sup>th</sup>. First time we're going to put a float in the parade & need lots of help making up a float & banners for exposure to let people know we're *not an electric company*.
- . National is coming to Friday Harbor on September 6<sup>th</sup> & we're going to need *everyone* to help. Nor'westing 2010. Approximately 70 boats arriving Roche Harbor 9/6 & Friday Harbor 9/10. Need volunteers to greet & help with the docking. Will have a welcoming committee at the Fairgrounds 9/10 & helpers are needed to bartend, sell souvenir items & clean up.
- . Holiday Party December 2<sup>nd</sup>, SJIYC.
- . We'll have all events posted on our website and sign up sheets too.

#### **VSC – Ed Ferro for Burke Critchfield**

- . We achieved 161 vessel exams in 2009.
- . We don't have the new decals yet, but start spreading the word by talking to the folks next to you at the marinas. A tender, dinghy, kayak, any vessel that's licensed can & should be inspected.

### **Safety Officer – Ed Ferro**

- . This time of year we get some severe winds, so check your mooring lines.
- . Make sure you check your bilges frequently with all the rain.
- . Know where your safety & emergency equipment is located. When we come aboard & you're hesitant about where an item is, our vessel check will be more intense. The Coast Guard notices hesitation too.

### **Public Boating Chair – Cdr. Carolyn Bowen for Ann Einboden**

- . P/C Travis Smith gave the ABC report earlier.
- . Check Harbor Lights for the website & information on software & hardware that members can purchase at big discounts once a year. Ann will be placing the order soon, so let Ann know what you'd like to order ASAP.

### **Nominating Committee Chair – P/C Fred Bowen**

- . 2010-2011 new officers were voted in at our December meeting to be installed April 8<sup>th</sup>. One change to the slate is the Assistant SEO, which P/C Marc Forlenza has agreed to accept. Motion made by Steve Percer & seconded by P/C SEO Travis Smith. Congratulations to our new P/C, XO, ASEO, Marc!

### **Old Business:**

#### **Cdr. Carolyn Bowen**

- . Friday Harbor Power Squadron Awards for 2009
  - . VSC came in 2<sup>nd</sup> to Bremerton.
  - . Harbor Lights received a Distinction in Journalism Award.
  - . Website received an Award for Excellence.
  - . FHPS came in 1<sup>st</sup> in D/16 for new members & member retention.

### **New Business:**

#### **Cdr. Carolyn Bowen**

- . Calendar of events for 2010 has been covered by Steve Percer, but I urge you to visit our website frequently for any changes or updates. It's a great source of information & all members should take advantage of it.

### **Guest Speaker:**

**AO Mike Griffin** introduced **Kari Koski**,  
Whale Museum Soundwatch Program Director.  
An overview on "Whale Wise Guidelines for Marine Wildlife" and responsible stewardship of the marine wildlife inhabiting the Salish Sea by residents, visitors & commercial users was presented. New shoreline rules & proposals were discussed. Informational brochures & pamphlets were available.

The meeting was adjourned @ 2045.  
Next General Meeting, February 4, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,  
Penny Woodall, Secretary