

**Friday Harbor Power Squadron
February 2010 General Meeting
MINUTES**

Thursday, February 4, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 1820 by **Cdr. Carolyn Bowen** with 42 members present, 2 guests (Bill Cannam introduced Brenda Willis, & Libby Thompson introduced Larry) and 1 guest speaker (Lainey Volk). The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dean Mack, followed with the Invocation by Sammy Long. Minutes were approved for the January 7, 2010 General Meeting. Check Harbor Lights "Archives" to read past & present minutes.

Break for dinner: Meeting resumed @ 1902.

Squadron Officer's Reports:

XO – Marc Forlenza

- . Deferred to later.

AO – Mike Griffin

- . Speaker for March's meeting will be a representative from U.S. Customs. A flyer will be forthcoming with details & check Harbor Lights. Thanks to Jan Ferro for helping create these excellent flyers for us.
- . We're now using recycle bags here, so please make sure you use them for your trash, but NO garbage.

Treasurer – Cdr. Carolyn Bowen for Dan Watson

- . Checking account balance \$6,302.86.
- . Business Certificate \$2,601.02.

SECRETARY – Penny Woodall

- . Thank you to Jan Ferro for always arriving early & setting up the „sign in“ sheet by the front door. It's important that everyone sign in at each meeting.

Committee Reports:

Membership Committee – John Towson

- . We have 4 new members here tonight for induction:
 - Terry & Linda Lush, Libby Thompson and Megan Vivenzio.
- . Cdr. Carolyn Bowen pointed out the certificates that we get when inducted and upon completion of a class, you receive a sticker to be applied to the certificate.
- . Cdr. Bowen showed the terrific bookmark which she created and Webmaster David Good has gotten produced for us. These will be given out to all class participants and to all who get a boat inspection.

Membership Involvement – Cdr. Carolyn Bowen for Steve Percer

- . Spring picnic will be on **Saturday, May 8**, so mark your calendars. We'll be going to Turn Island on the Pintail boarding at Shipyard Cove. Bring your own life jacket, food for the barbeque & your beverage of choice.

P/C Fred Bowen for Steve Percer

- . Norwesting 2010 National Cruise – about 70 boats will arrive at Roche Harbor on September 6th from Anacortes & we need *everyone* to help. Steve Percer will have a “pilot boat” to escort them into R.H. Rebbie & Bill Bates have agreed to do the “photo snipe hunt” again. September 10th they arrive at The Port of Friday Harbor from Sidney, clear Customs & over to the Fairgrounds to party. We’ll need volunteers to greet & help with the docking. More details will be posted in the months ahead.

VSC – Burke Critchfield

- . We don’t have the new orange decals yet, but they’re expected soon.
- . There’s a good article in the current Sea Magazine about vessel inspections.

Safety Officer – Ed Ferro

- . Hopefully we’ll get the majority of the vessel inspections done before the boating season starts. You’ll be getting our new bookmark when your vessel has been inspected.

Public Boating Chair – Ann Einboden

- . The ABC class is scheduled for February 23 & runs for 6 weeks. It’s suggested anyone new to boating enroll in this class. If you’ve taken this course and feel you could use a refresher in some areas, please feel free to sit in on a class.

Nominating Committee Chair – P/C Fred Bowen

- . “We need new ideas and thoughts”. Your attendance at our next Ex/Com meeting on March 2nd at 1300 in the Library Conference Room would be an excellent way to get to know how much fun we have planning our activities & how rewarding volunteering & participating can be the F.H.P.S.

New Business:

P/C Marc Forlenza

- . Fourth of July Parade. This will be our first float in the 4th of July Parade. Our float will be a boat & trailer with posters, banners & flags, members wearing red walking in front & back handing out bookmarks, candy & such to help bring attention to the Power Squadron & our wonderful organization. A sign up sheet is now circulating. Watch for more information soon.

Guest Speaker:

- . **AO Mike Griffin** introduced **Lainey Volk**, Director of the Outreach Education Prevention Office and is an EMT, WEMT with S.J.County EMS for 25 yrs.
- . Lainey went over CPR, first aid, dehydration and many other emergency situations that can arise on land or at sea. The U.S. Coast Guard does not provide medical aid, so being familiar with symptoms & how to treat someone in an emergency is important. Classes are available locally. Also, new on the market is a prescription sea sickness pill called Zofran.

The meeting was adjourned @ 2014.

Next General Meeting, March 4, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

Penny Woodall, Secretary