

Friday Harbor Power Squadron
March 2010 General Meeting
MINUTES

Thursday, March 4, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 1830 by **Cdr. Carolyn Bowen** with 50 members present, 1 guest (Brenda Willis) & 1 guest speaker (Kevin D. Holmes). The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bill Wertz, followed with the Invocation by Carol H. Good. Minutes were approved for the February 4, 2010 General Meeting & check Harbor Lights "Archives" to read past & present minutes.

Break for dinner: Meeting resumed @ 1907.

Squadron Officer's Reports:

XO – Marc Forlenza

- . Deferred to later.

SEO – Cdr. Bowen for Travis Smith

- . Engine Maintenance exam will be given next Tuesday to 8 students. Many thanks to Ed Ferro & Mike Close, our instructors for this course.
- . Seamanship begins April 6, with P/C Marc Forlenza instructing. Eleven have signed up thus far.
- . Operations Training course, May 15 with P/C Ron Crenshaw teaching (1 day class).
- . June 1st Marine Electrical Systems, Mike Close is the instructor.
- . Seminars scheduled are:
 - Using GPS, April 12, David Good instructor.
 - Coastal Navigation, April 26, P/C Travis Smith instructor.
 - Partner in Command will probably be our 3rd seminar to be scheduled.
- . All courses & seminars will be posted in Harbor lights, so be sure to check for updates, additions & locations.

AO – Mike Griffin

- . Please remember to take home all your dishes & utensils.
- . We're now using recycle bags here, so please make sure you use them for your trash, but NO garbage.
- . Cdr. Bowen thanked Jean & Mike Griffin for their „colorful“ table cloths, this being their last meeting to decorate.

Treasurer – Dan Watson

- . Checking account balance \$6,177.23
- . Business Certificate \$2,605.40.

SECRETARY – Penny Woodall

- . Nothing to report.
- . Cdr. Bowen thanked Jan Ferro for the sign in sheet & reminded everyone to please sign before leaving tonight.

Committee Reports:

Membership Involvement – Cdr. Carolyn Bowen for Steve Percer

- . Spring picnic on track for **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. A flyer will be coming out after the COW.

VSC – Burke Critchfield

- . We received the 2010 decals & our goal is to do 160 inspections this year.
- . We lost 2 inspectors this year & we desperately need more in order to achieve our goal. A sign-up sheet will be passed around & if you're at all interested in becoming a vessel inspector please sign up as this is a great opportunity to serve the public, it's rewarding & interesting. I have the manuals & I'm ready to help, test & get you started.

Safety Officer – Ed Ferro

- . Reiterating VSC Burke's report, we need more inspectors.
- . We received 180 new decals with a goal of at least 160 inspections.
- . Cdr. Bowen suggested when your boat is scheduled to be inspected you notify people at the marina where your boat is docked so their boat might be inspected the same day saving us time, money & help achieve the squadron's goal and maybe *beyond*.

Public Boating Chair – Ann Einboden

- . The ABC class is underway with 35 students. We have some children & young adults in the class as well as some doing a „refresher“.

Nominating Committee Chair – P/C Fred Bowen

- . “The same people do all the stuff, we need new people”. Bill Cannam attended our March 2nd Ex/Com meeting & realized how much fun we have. Bish Wheeler has just said he'd sit in with us March 30th at 1300 in the Library Conference Room. This is a great opportunity to observe how this *healthy squadron* works and take part. We hope more of you will participate.
- . COW April 8th, we have a full slate of officers to be sworn in at the meeting. Our thanks to Mike Griffin for his dedication the past two years; the COW will be his last meeting as AO. Gary Parker will be our new AO & we really appreciate him stepping up to assume this important position.

Old Business:

Cdr. Carolyn Bowen

- . Change of Watch, April 8 at the SJIYC. Please send in the clip & mail which will come out tomorrow. A sign up sheet is circulating for anyone that would volunteer to bring an appetizer; we already have volunteers to bring desserts & „help in general“ & I thank you for signing up.
- . General Meeting/Spring Picnic, Saturday, May 8, a flyer will be coming out.

P/C Marc Forlenza

- . Flare Shoot has been rescheduled for May 22. "Come out & enjoy".
- . July 4th Parade. Ed & Jan Ferro have „donated“ their boat to be our float in the parade. We have a small ad hoc committee & 20 volunteers signed up to help with banners & march in the parade. We“d like everyone participating to wear red shirts & dark pants. Lots more info will be coming.

New Business:

Cdr. Carolyn Bowen

- . Spring Conference & COW is March 19-22 in Tacoma. Cdr. Bowen, P/C Fred Bowen, P/C Travis Smith, Lizz Smith & P/C Marc Forlenza plan to attend. Details in Harbor Lights if anyone wants to join us.
- . Congratulations to P/C Travis Smith for his work with the SN Course!

Other Business:

- . Mike Close with two announcements:
 - *I“ve asked Capt. Richard Rodriguez to teach a Six-pack Uninspected Passenger class beginning April 24. We“ve 4 signed up already & have room for 4 more to get a Coast Guard Six-pack License.
 - *AIS – a new VHF system, receiver only - on sale this week for \$350. Contact Mike at 378-5699.
- . Toni Bailey
 - *Sold two caps tonight. Have lots more caps for sale & anyone wanting a shirt or jacket let Toni know & she can order them for you.
 - *Will order red shirts & caps for the 4th of July Parade, just need to know how many & sizes.
 - *Cdr. Carolyn Bowen suggested we have items for sale during the Nor“westing 2010 event in September.

Guest Speaker:

AO Mike Griffin introduced **Kevin Holmes**, CBPO, U.S. Customs & Border Protection, Friday Harbor. Three forms are available for you tonight outlining: 1) Bringing Agricultural Products to the U.S. from Canada; 2) Hours of Operation & Admission into U.S.; 3) Where to Report. A detailed overview on the inspection process; the law; documents required; entering the U.S.; food & alcohol; as well as Canadian Custom regulations were covered. A very informative and interesting evening had by all.

The meeting was adjourned @ 2045.

Next General Meeting, COW, April 8, 2010 at the SJIYC.

Respectfully submitted,

Penny Woodall, Secretary