

## **FRIDAY HARBOR POWER SQUADRON**

**April 2010**

**Executive Committee Meeting**

**MINUTES**

**Tuesday, March 30, 2010**

P/C Marc Forlenza called the meeting to Order at 1300 in the Conference Room of the Friday Harbor Library. In attendance were XO Marc Forlenza, SEO Travis Smith, AO Mike Griffin, AO elect Gary Parker, Treasurer Dan Watson, Jan Ferro for Secretary Penny Woodall, VSC Chair Burke Critchfield, Safety Officer Ed Ferro, Membership Chair John Towson, Membership Involvement Steve Percer, P/C Fred Bowen. A Quorum was present. Marc introduced Bish Wheeler, a new member who was invited to observe an Ex-Com Meeting in action.

The Minutes of the Ex/Com Meeting for March 2, 2010 were approved as presented.

### **Squadron Officer's Reports:**

**XO — Marc Forlenza** — Delayed his report until later.

**SEO — Travis Smith**

Status of Educational Classes

- ABC: This evening's class will be the last night for the class. We had 30 Students signed up for the class initially, with 24 taking the Exam. Six Students failed to achieve the required 80%; two re-took the Exam a second time and passed. Five Students were absent the evening of the Exam. Currently still have 9 Certificates, which requires either a make-up Exam (5-Absent) or a Re-take (4- Failed).
- Engine Maintenance finished on March 9th, with six of the eight students taking the Exam. Of the six taking the exam, all received 90% or better with a class average of 93%. This is a direct reflection of Instructors Ed Ferro's and Mike Close's outstanding efforts to assure the materials and questions were thoroughly understood by the students. Great job!
- The GPS Seminar is scheduled for Monday, 12 April, at the SJIYC from 1900-2100. We presently have 13 members signed up. We plan to also offer it to Yacht Club Members for the cost of the Student Materials (\$20.00). Fifteen Student Kits and one Instructor Kit were ordered last week for the seminar. David Good, AP, is the seminar's presenter.
- The Seamanship Class is scheduled to start on Tuesday, 13 April, at the SJIYC from 1900-2100. We have 17 members signed up for the course presently which will run for seven weeks until 25 May. Marc Forlenza, AP, is the Instructor for the class.
- Next in the Seminar Series will be Coastal Navigation and will be offered on 26 April, at the SJIYC from 1900-2100. Travis Smith, JN will be the presenter.
- On 17 May, the last of the Spring Seminar Series will be Partner In Command. Ann Einboden, AP, will be the presenter for the seminar.
- District 16's Educational Seminar is scheduled for May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010 from 0900 -1600 at the John Wayne Marina located in Sequim, WA and will be hosted by the North Olympic Sail & power Squadron. All squadron members are encouraged to attend.

Travis mentioned that we need someone to do the updates on DB2000 as Ron Crenshaw is retiring. He also checked with John Towson to see that he planned to take Seamanship.

**AO — Mike Griffin** announced that this was his last meeting as Administrative Officer and a member of the Bridge. Arrangements have been made for the Change of Watch. He was thanked for his two years of providing for our meetings and speakers.

**Treasurer — Dan Watson**

- Checking account balance 5,892.45
- Business Certificate \$2,607.36. It matures April 15 and he has negotiated an interest rate of 1.34
- The books are due for an audit, Lizz Divers Smith is responsible.

**Secretary (Jan Ferro for Penny)** No report

**Committee Reports:**

**Membership Committee—John Towson**

- New Members from the ABC class include Mike and Michelle Herko and sons, Kai and Nicholas and Rock Sorenson and Judith Mio from the ABC class. As tonight is the last class, others may join.
- There are several couples with pending transfers.

**Membership Involvement—Steve Percer**

- Barry Clements of Customs will most likely be leaving Friday Harbor.
- Arrangements for the National Cruise to do their check-ins in groups of 10 at Friday Harbor have been made.
- A flyer needs to be sent out for the Pocket Cruise to Turn Island on Saturday May 8<sup>th</sup>. Boarding of the Pintail is best at 3PM or after.

**VSC—Burke Critchfield**

- Ann Einboden has passed her VE test and now needs to do the 5 supervised inspections.
- Kerwin Johnson is also working on the VE test.
- Life Vests and shirts need to be turned over to the new examiners.
- Upcoming rendezvous are the Selene April 22, 23, and 24 followed by Grand Banks in May.
- New decals are here.

**Safety Officer—Ed Ferro**

- With the start of boating season, it is best to begin with a Vessel Safety Check.

**Public Boating Chair—Ann Einboden**

- Ann's report on the ABC class was included in Travis's report.

**Old Business:**

**D/16 Spring Conference Review—P/C Fred Bowen**

- Friday Harbor received the Membership Trophy along with awards for a 4<sup>th</sup> place finish in the Commander's Challenge, and awards for our outstanding web site and news letter.
- Travis Smith is now District Administrative Officer.
- District 16 now has 16 Squadrons as Possession Sound lost its charter.

**Change of Watch Update (April 8)—P/C Fred Bowen**

- We have 53 members paid with 4 more pending.

- Awards will be given for 3 new Senior Members (5 Merit Marks)

**Opening Day Activities (May 2)—P/C Fred Bowen**

- Bowen's boat, the Renaissance, will serve as the Committee Boat.
- Steve Percer was told to encourage Power Squadron members to join in the boat parade.

**Flare Shoot (Sat. May 22<sup>nd</sup>) Update—P/C Marc Forlenza**

- Marc has been working with Chief Vern Long to let him know what will be happening.
- Steve Percer will notify the Sheriff and Travis Smith will notify the Coast Guard in Port Angeles. We need a permit for this event.
- We need volunteers to serve as instructors.
- Kurt from West Marine is working with us on this.

**Predicted Log (June 12)—P/C Fred Bowen**

- Fred and Burke are on the committee for this event through the Yacht Club, although it is actually a Power Squadron event.
- Discussion followed as to inviting Skagit Bay PS and also the Power Boat group. It would be held under our rules.

**Pig War (July 9-11)—P/C Fred Bowen**

- Plans are in place as Brentwood Bay will hold the event at Port Browning with new and improved facilities.
- Brentwood Bay has asked about including associate members from their classes. We have had problems in the past, with family members not listed as Power Squadron members in the games competition.

**New Business:**

**Membership Conversion** (starting with current ABC)—Dan Watson

- The discount of \$25 off the initial membership for those coming from the ABC classes started with the current class. There will be a dues increase as of June 1, 2010.

**Suggestions for supporting a youth group** (for a marine related activity)—

- Sea Scouts (they're not on SJI)—Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Leos were discussed however it takes a big commitment by individuals to work with a group like this.
- Consensus is that we have no problem with providing financial support to youth groups on occasion.

**Other Business:**

- Marc reported on plans for the Fourth of July Parade. The Ferro's boat will be used and pulled by Travis's truck; simple banners will be used on the port and starboard sides.
- About 20 members have signed up to march and wear red shirts. Carolyn will ride in the cockpit and maybe the Close girls will throw our candy.
- Next Ex/Com Meeting, Tuesday, May 4, 2010, will be the last Ex/Com Meeting until August 31<sup>st</sup>

The meeting was adjourned at 1405

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jan Ferro, for Penny Woodall, Secretary