

**Friday Harbor Power Squadron
Change of Watch and General Meeting
April 8, 2010
San Juan Island Yacht Club**

The Friday Harbor Power Squadron members were greeted by Dan & Mary Watson beginning at 1715. Caroline & Katherine Close escorted members to their seats. We had 67 members present & 2 guests. The meeting was called to order at 1807 by **Cdr. Carolyn Bowen**, who thanked the greeters & assistants. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Charter Member & P/C Fred Hoepfner and David Woodall, both WWII veterans. The Invocation was led by P/Lt/C Sammy Long.

Cdr. Carolyn Bowen introduced the head table: D/C Joanna Webster, AP; P/D/C Kari Black, AP; D/Lt/C Travis Smith, JN & Lizz; and P/C Fred Bowen, AP.

Guests Kirk Foley, Mgr. West Marine & Carol Thompson were introduced.

New Members were welcomed: Dan Paulson, Ruth Fleming, Woody & Peggy Morf, Rock Sorenson and Judith Mio.

Past Commanders present were introduced: D/C Joanna Webster, AP for Poverty Bay; P/D/C Kari Black, AP for Everett; FHPS Commanders P/C Fred Hoepfner, AP; D/Lt/C Travis Smith, JN; P/C Marc Forlenza AP; and P/C Fred Bowen, AP

- . Thanks to Sharon Towson, Dave & Carol Good, P/C Fred Bowen for helping me with the table set-up & decorations.
- . Thanks to Jane Cable, Ann Einboden, Marc Forlenza, Carol Good, Margaret Johnson, Sue Nielson, Georgia Paden, Peggy Morf and Dave Woodall for the appetizers.
- . Thanks to Toni Bailey, Norma Barrett, Carol Good, Jean Griffin, Carolyn Haugen, Athlene Schneider and Mary Watson for the desserts.
- . Thanks to Jan Ferro for her wonderful help with the programs & place cards.

Presentation of 2010 Awards

D/Lt/C Travis Smith

- . Educational Fund Honor Roll – Dan Watson, Treasurer. This fund has been awarded to FHPS for the past 26 years. The fund is made up of \$1 from each member's dues per year.
- . Co-op Charting Awards –
 - P/C Marc Forlenza for the Port of Friday Harbor
 - Bill & Rebbie Bates for Roche Harbor
 - P/C Travis Smith for Deer Harbor, Orcas Island

Break for dinner @ 1824.

Cdr. Carolyn Bowen resumed the meeting at 1935 by introducing **P/D/C Kari Black** who announced that she's the environmental person for District 16 & would like to hand out a questionnaire for you to fill out & has a gift if you will complete the questionnaire.

Presentation of 2010 Awards - continued

P/D/C Kari Black

- . Distinction in Journalism for "Harbor Lights" – David Good.
- . Website Award for Excellence – David Good

D/C Joanna Webster:

- . P/D/C Membership Award to Cdr. Carolyn Bowen for the FHPS.
- . Commander's Challenge to Cdr. Carolyn Bowen. FHPS 4th out of 16 districts.

P/C Fred Bowen:

- . Expanded Horizons Award – D/Lt/C Travis Smith, the new AO for D/16.
- . Senior Member Awards (5 years of Merit Marks) –
P/C Marc Forlenza
Denece Kost
Burke Critchfield

Presentation of Squadron's 2009-2010 Outstanding Member(s)

Ed Ferro, Jan Ferro and Dave Good awarded this "above & beyond" Oscar to:
P/C Marc Forlenza
Cdr. Carolyn Bowen

Change of Watch

Cdr. Carolyn Bowen thanked the FHPS for an outstanding year as evidenced by our awards. We met or exceeded each of the goals set out for our Squadron.

- . Vessel Safety Checks – goal was 150 and we completed 161.
- . Membership was increased by 30. We lost some members but we still came in #1 in the District out of 16 Squadrons for member acquisition and retention.

2009-2010 Bridge: Thanks to Mike Griffin for his 2 years as Administrative Officer. Cdr. Carolyn Bowen then dismissed the 2009-2010 Bridge: X/O Marc Forlenza, A/O Mike Griffin, SEO Travis Smith, Treasurer Dan Watson, and Secretary Penny Woodall.

D/C Joanna Webster swore in Cdr. Carolyn Bowen, Squadron Commander for 2010-2011.

D/C Joanna Webster swore in the Bridge for 2010-2011: X/O Marc Forlenza, A/O Gary Parker, SEO Travis Smith, Treasurer Dan Watson, and Secretary Penny Woodall.

Commander's Message for 2010 - 2011:

Cdr. Carolyn Bowen presented her goals for 2010-2011, which are not much different from last year:

Focus on EXCELLENCE:

- a. Boater & Member Education - Maintain at least current level of course offerings, expand seminar offerings, seek additional instructors, be proactive in getting students signed up for courses.
- b. Vessel Safety Checks - With 4 new VE's, perform 160 VSC's this year.
- c. Squadron Newsletter (Harbor Lights) – Publish 4 issues, fewer issues with more information and articles, everything posted on the website. Any information needing immediate attention will go out under separate email announcements.

- d. Squadron Website – Continue to promote usage by members; add new link for members to speak out --- *New ideas?* Personal cruising experiences? Excellent marine product recommendation? Website will remain current with course & event postings

Increase visibility of USPS in community:

- a. Boating Safety Week - May 22-28, with public “Flare Shoot”, Saturday, May 22nd.
- b. Maintain “Kids Don’t Float” displays at Port of F.H. and Roche Harbor.
- c. Joint events – continue strategic relationship with San Juan Island Yacht Club.
- d. Community activity to promote FHPS (float entry in 4th of July Parade).
- e. Youth program – identify at least one activity (marine related) to which we can donate.
- f. Publicity – increase publicity in local newspapers. Also submit article about the Squadron for D/16’s *Cardinal Points* or for National’s newsletter, *The Ensign*.
- g. Youth involvement – in ABC through local schools & discounted materials.

Strengthen member recruitment and retention through:

- a. New Member mentorship – stay in contact with new members & ABC students.
- b. Member participation – encourage member participation in Squadron Ex/Com meetings and special events.
- c. Publicize member benefits in Harbor Lights, on website, on bookmarks.
- d. Pocket Cruise – provide boating activities for ALL Squadron members with at least one “pocket cruise”.
- e. Annual Squadron award for member who provides most significant support to USPS activities at District, National, or International levels.
- f. Monthly meetings – strive to make the 5 monthly meeting programs interesting, educational and fun.

Develop Squadron Leadership:

- a. Squadron leaders – Identify future Squadron leaders and promote involvement opportunities.
- b. USPS Operations Training Course – scheduled for May 15, 2010.

Score in top 50% of Commander’s Challenge Program:

Last year we scored in the top 25%, so we did even better.

Commander’s personal goals and pledge: (From the Nat’l Leadership Development Committee—10 Ways to Get the Best out of Your Squadron)

1. Take Command. *It’s our Squadron—what can I do to make it better?*
2. Lead by example. *You’ll follow me if I set a good example.*
3. Listen Aggressively. *My goal is to get to know each of you better.*
4. Communicate Purpose and Meaning. *Key word is communicate. I’m very reachable.*
5. Create a Climate of Trust. *I’ll earn it by giving it.*
6. Look for Results – Not Salutes. *I don’t need accolades or salutes. We have expectations of our squadron—I say let’s get the job done together!*

7. Take Calculated Risks. *Take a chance on a new idea or invest time in a new member through mentorship.*
8. Go Beyond Standard Procedure. *Think out of the box.*
9. Build up Your People. *I will praise you for your contributions.*
10. Create Unity. *I'll ask for your help on occasion. Participation is key in any organization. Together we will keep this squadron strong!*

Commander's (shortened) article from the January issue of Harbor Lights:
I encourage us as members to become "ambassadors" for USPS. I have come up with four simple "P" words:

Promote the virtues of membership to friends and new contacts.

Participate by taking courses and seminars and attending meetings.

Practice what you learn by applying safety techniques and boating etiquette in your day to day cruising.

Be **Proud** that you are a member of Friday Harbor Power Squadron, part of a national organization with a focus on safety that is 45,000 members strong.

Commander's Member Recognition (Coins)

Special thanks to individuals who helped me through the year:

P/C Fred Bowen, P/D/C Kari Black, D/C Joanna Webster and D/Lt/C Travis Smith.

Dan Watson (Treasurer)	Burke Critchfield (VSC)
Dave Good (Webmaster)	John Towson (Membership Chair)
Marc Forlenza (XO)	Steve Percer (Membership Involvement)
Mike Griffin (AO)	Gary Parker (new AO)
Penny Woodall (Sec'y)	Toni Bailey (Ship's Store & Nom. Cmte)
Ann Einboden (PBC)	Sharon Towson (Nom. Cmte)
Ed Ferro (VSC)	Lizz-Divers Smith (Auditing Com.)
Jan Ferro (Asst.Sec'y & Asst. AO, & huge helper)	
Denece Kost (Pig War Chef, D/16 Conf.)	
P/C Fred Hoepfner (many years of hard work)	
Carol Good (COW contributions)	

Meeting Announcements:

P/C Travis Smith:

- . GPS Seminar scheduled for April 12, 7-9 p.m. David Good, AP, instructor.
- . Seamanship starts Tuesday, April 13, 7-9 p.m. P/C Marc Forlenza instructor.
- . Coastal Navigation Seminar, April 26, 7-9 p.m. P/C Travis Smith instructor.
- . Operations Training scheduled for May 15th. P/C Travis Smith & Cdr. Carolyn Bowen will moderate & D/C Joanna Webster a guest speaker (6 hr course at the County Fire Station).
- . Partner in Command Seminar, May 17, 7-9 p.m., Ann Einboden instructing.
- . Marine Electrical Systems, June 1st, Mike Close instructing.
- . D/16 Rendezvous, Poulsbo, June 25-27.

Check Harbor Lights for additional details & updates on all activities, classes & seminars.

P/C Fred Bowen:

- Opening Day, May 2nd. Bowen's boat Renaissance will serve as the Committee boat partnering up with the SJIYC. Rock n Roll is the theme & participation keeps growing each year, so sign up & join in the fun.
- Predicted Log, June 12. P/C Fred Hoepfner won 1st prize, sail boat division last year & Steve Percer won overall 3rd prize. Need skippers & observers; sign up & enjoy.
- Pig War, July 9-11, Port Browning, B.C. Brentwood Bay hosting.

P/C Marc Forlenza:

- Flare Shoot, Saturday, May 22.
- Fourth of July Parade. First time the FHPS will be in the parade. The Ferro's boat will be our float & P/C Travis Smith will be pulling it with his Ford truck. Twenty members have volunteered to march & help. Details & updates in Harbor Lights, as well as flyers forthcoming.

Ship's Store, Toni Bailey:

- 7 caps left!
- Burgees available for \$25.
- Red T-shirts & vests for 4th of July Parade; will be ordering soon, so please let me know if you want to order something.

Door Prizes:

Katherine & Caroline Close:

P/C Marc Forlenza's special marinade – Sue Corenman
Mgr. West Marine, Kirk Foley offering ~~his & her~~ auto inflatable vests –
~~her's~~ to Steve Percer & "his" to Jan Close.
Cap – Margaret Johnson

The meeting was adjourned @ 2050.

Next General Meeting, May 8, 2010 at Turn Island (check upcoming flyer for details).

Respectfully submitted,

Penny Woodall, Secretary