

FRIDAY HARBOR POWER SQUADRON
October 7, 2010 General Meeting
MINUTES
Thursday, October 7, 2010

Cdr Carolyn Bowen called the Meeting to Order @ 1835.

Bish Wheeler led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Invocation was led by Steve Percer asking for prayers for Paula Critchfield and fellow boater, Dave Ross.

The Minutes of the General Meeting/Fall Picnic at Lakedale for September 9, 2010, were approved as posted on the website.

New members, Mike & Linda Clark and Phil & Claudia Coose were introduced. Mike, Phil & Claudia are currently enrolled in the ABC; Mike and Phil are also concurrently enrolled in the Piloting course. Chris Brown, SN, and wife Bobbi, were introduced as new Associate Members from the Bellevue Sail and Power Squadron. Chris is an Advanced Coastal Navigator Certified Instructor for the new USPS program.

Dinner break was called at 18:35 with the meeting resuming at 1918.

Squadron Officers' Reports:

XO Marc Forlenza emphasized the need for Christmas auction items. He would appreciate an email if you have something to donate so he will have a better idea of what to expect in advance of the event. It is hoped to have quality items (not necessarily nautical) but emphasized that this is not meant to be a garage sale. Bob and Toni Bailey's Westport Condo was readily offered. It is hoped this year to have more vendors donating merchandise as well as services such as lodging, moorage, or dinner etc.

SEO Travis Smith announced that the ABC Course began at Skagit Valley College on October 2nd and will conclude on October 16th. The Community Room has been perfect for our needs. The smaller class of 16 students could be attributed to competing with Saturday youth sports activities. Several of the ABC students are also taking Piloting.

The new Marine Electrical Systems course is meeting with Mike Close at San Juan Marine, with hands-on learning. They meet Tuesday and Wednesday evenings with the final class on October 13th.

The Piloting class began on October 5th and will meet on Tuesdays with the final class on November 23rd. Travis Smith and Marc Forlenza are the instructors.

We were reminded to check the Squadron Website at www.fridayharborpowersquadron.com for the scheduled Winter 2010 and Spring 2011 classes.

Treasurer Dan Watson reported that our checking account balance is \$3,923 and the Business Certificate is \$2,628.

Secretary Jan Ferro (for Penny Woodall) Announced that Dave and Penny Woodall are returning from Alaska on Saturday.

Committee Reports:

Membership Committee—John Towson announced new members, Phil and Claudia Coose, Mike and Linda Clark, and Pat and Linde Irwin of Eastsound. New transfer members are Jay and Suzy Wakefield and Dave and Dorothy Vandaveer. Mike and Linda Clark and Phil and Claudia Coose were inducted this evening.

Membership Involvement—Steve Percer quoted that 10% of the members of any organization participate and do the work—then announced our 10% were all present. He went on to encourage everyone to ask others for help and invited new members to attend an Ex/Com meeting.

VSC Chairman—Burke Critchfield announced that we are in first place in the District with 217 VSCs. P/C Virgil Boyt is credited with over 100.

Safety Officer—Ed Ferro reminded everyone that now is the time to winterize our boats and deal with heaters and dehumidifiers.

Public Boating Chair—Ann Einboden was not available.

Commander Bowen thanked people for the food they brought and Sharon Towson and Maria Wertz for the table décor.

New Business:

- District 16 Fall Conference, Tacoma, October 29-31, 2010—P/C Travis Smith offered registration forms and the agenda to anyone interested in attending.
- FHPS and Brentwood Bay Power Squadron—P/C Travis Smith is working with Cdr Len Burton of Brentwood Bay Power Squadron and Mike Ward of the Institute of Ocean Sciences on Pat Bay, west of the International Airport in Sidney, for our group visit in late March or early April. This is a large facility, part of Canada's Oceans and Fisheries, performing hydrography and monitoring the waters adjoining the Canadian Coast Guard. A description and six minute video showing their work in process can be viewed at: <http://science.gc.ca/default.asp?lang=en&n=85EB3DA0-1>
Travis sent a sign up sheet around for those interested in making the trip.

Other Business

- Holiday Party, December 2, at SJIYC— P/C Marc Forlenza asked anyone willing to help with this event to send him an email.
- Dave Cable reported that he has been attending our County Council meetings on Tuesdays and wants to alert boaters of a proposal by the Marine Resources Committee (not an official group) to prohibit power-boats in the Turn Island Park. He elicited a response that we need to do this as a group.
- Next General Meeting, the Grange, Thursday, November 4th
Ann and Ron Einboden will present their summer cruise and fish tales

Bill Wertz introduced our guest speaker for the evening, Terry Whalen, with Washington's Derelict Vessel Program. Terry gave an excellent presentation to an energetic group regarding the lack of enforcement for dealing with non-registered boats and for those over the limits of anchoring or mooring (sinking boats), with current lack of support by state and county.

The meeting was adjourned at 2015.

Respectfully submitted, Jan Ferro, Assistant Secretary