

FRIDAY HARBOR POWER SQUADRON

November 4, 2010 General Meeting

MINUTES

Cdr. Carolyn Bowen called the Meeting to Order @ 1830 with 49 members & 4 guests present.

Virgil Boyt led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Invocation was led by Steve Percer.

The Minutes of the General Meeting for October 7, 2010 were approved as posted.

The following guests were welcomed: Gail Garrett, Kit Pingree & Bob & Nancy Jones. Jay & Suzy Wakefield, recently transferred to the FHPS - welcome to your first meeting with us. Thank you to Patricia & Frank Penwell for all their help with the Grange.

Break for dinner @ 1835 with the meeting resuming at 1910.

Squadron Officers' Reports:

XO: Marc Forlenza deferred to later.

SEO: Cdr. Carolyn Bowen for Travis Smith reported on the current classes:

- Marine Electrical Systems class finished with 6 members, taught by Mike Close (Mr. Electricity).
- The fall Piloting class is in full swing. Half way through the 8 week course, there are 11 students being taught by P/Cs Travis Smith & Marc Forlenza.
- Advanced Piloting will be taught in the spring & any members who took the Piloting course are urged to sign up for Advanced Piloting (Cdr. Carolyn Bowen has signed up).

Treasurer: Dan Watson reported that our checking account balance is \$3,141.11 and the Business Certificate is \$2,631.38. Jensen's Shipyard has just donated \$500 to the Derelict Vessel program.

Secretary: Penny Woodall thanked Assistant Secretary Jan Ferro for taking the minutes at the last two General Meetings. Penny pointed out the importance of having an Assistant & that it was an excellent way to get acquainted with procedures & possibly take an Officer or Committee position eventually.

Committee Reports:

Membership Committee: John Towson announced we have one new member since our last meeting, William Egan. New member certificates & pins are here. FHPS membership is 4th in D/16, which is very good. John Towson passed out the new FHPS brochures.

Membership Involvement: Steve Percer got the meeting even more energized by announcing he is going to be the speaker at our February 3, 2011 General Meeting on Boating Etiquette. This should be a very interesting meeting! There will be a flyer coming out when we have the January 6th speaker firmed up. Remember, "its fun to be involved in this worthwhile organization", so volunteer.

Vessel Safety Check: Burke Critchfield confirmed our number one status in the District with 228 VSC's. He also thanked Kerwin Johnson who just qualified as an Inspector.

Safety Officer: Burke Critchfield for Ed Ferro had nothing new to report.

Public Boating Chair: Ann Einboden was pleased to announce 14 passed the ABC class. The facility at Skagit Valley College was excellent & having longer but fewer classes was well received. The ABC class might look at 0800-1200 rather than 0900-1300 next year. There is no date set for the spring class yet.

Old Business:

- District 16 Fall Conference, October 29-31, Tacoma – P/C Fred Bowen gave a short overview with praise for the interesting & informative "break out sessions": Boat Operator Certificate (BOC) is a 4-part

on-the-water certification series. Seamanship, Piloting & Advanced Piloting classes will be leaning more towards “on the water” training. The 2nd break out session was Membership Acquisition & Retention. FHPS received positive recognition at the Conference, also attended by Cdr. Carolyn Bowen, P/C Travis Smith & Lizz Smith. The District is looking into planning a unique cruise, to include all D/16 squadrons next year, which would offer opportunities for anchoring, rafting, a possible night passage, and would be over a more extended period. This would be a fun & productive “on the water” experience rather than a marina to marina cruise.

- Visit to Institute of Ocean Sciences – Cdr. Carolyn Bowen updated on the FHPS day trip to Sidney. We have 13 boats & 39 people signed up for this outing late April or early May.
- Derelict Vessel Program – P/C Marc Forlenza went to the pilot house & took command of this sinking ship. Our last General Meeting, guest speaker Terry Whalen with Washington’s Derelict Vessel Program, pointed out the need for help, so the FHPS decided to come to the rescue. Within one month, we reached the required \$5,000 donation mark & the County, thanks to S. J. County Auditor, Milene Henley, has petitioned the County to match our \$5,000. Achieving \$10,000 for this program moves us towards getting the State to donate \$100,000. Our thanks go to our FHPS - \$1000; SJIYC - \$1,000; Roche Harbor - \$1,000; IMC Lopez Island - \$200; and CSA - \$1,800; and Jensen’s recent donation of \$500. We also thank the on-line newspaper, S. J. Islander for their accurate press release on the very important project. Job well done, P/C Marc Forlenza!
- Holiday Party/General Meeting –
 - Cdr. Carolyn Bowen passed around a sign-up sheet for the buffet & decorations.
 - P/C Marc Forlenza has had a few calls from people offering auction items & he’ll approach local businesses in the next couple of weeks. This is our biggest fund raiser so if you hear of a business or person who has a worthy item to donate, let P/C Marc Florenza know.
 - Penny Woodall urged everyone to get their ‘party checks in the mail’ to her ASAP.

New Business:

- P/C Fred Bowen reminded us that according to the By-Laws, Bridge Officers & Executive Committee Nominations have to be elected at our December General Meeting. Bruce Galton’s nomination to fill the vacated AO position for the remainder of the 2010 year - motion was made & seconded. Our thanks to Bruce Galton for accepting this position.
- Cdr. Carolyn Bowen has been in touch with the Bellingham PS for a 2011 Joint Outing to Blakely Island sometime late May or early June.

Other Business:

Next General Meeting (Holiday Party & Auction) Thursday, December 2nd at the SJIYC.

Cdr. Carolyn Bowen introduced our presenters: Ron & Ann Einboden who gave a fabulous & colorful look at “Cruising & Fishing on Aquarius”. Ann displayed their successful lures, flashers & pole as well as their great salmon catch. They showed us good anchorages along their way in U.S. & Canadian waters. A wonderful presentation!

Meeting adjourned at 2040.

Respectfully submitted,
Penny Woodall, Secretary