

FRIDAY HARBOR POWER SQUADRON
January 4, 2011 Executive Committee Meeting
MINUTES

CDR. Carolyn Bowen called the meeting to Order at 1303 in the Conference Room of the Friday Harbor Library. In attendance were XO Marc Forlenza, SEO Travis Smith, AO Bruce Galton, Secretary Penny Woodall, Safety Officer Ed Ferro, Public Boating Chair Ann Einboden, Membership Committee Chair John Towson, Rules Committee Chair Ron Einboden & P/C Fred Bowen. A Quorum was present.

Cdr. Carolyn Bowen welcomed Judi Mio, 2nd Assistant Secretary Elect.

The Minutes of the Ex/Com Meeting for November 30, 2010 were approved as posted.

Squadron Officer's Report:

XO – Marc Forlenza – gave an accounting of the Derelict Vessel Program. Milene Henley, County Auditor, will be overseeing the project, & bids will be submitted to the county. All monies for this program are in a separate account, \$5,509 for 2011. There is additional interest in contributing to the project. Also there are questions about the amount the state has available for the program. Hopefully an update can be given at the next meeting.

SEO – Travis Smith

- . The fall Piloting Course was completed with 9 students. P/C Marc Forlenza helped teach this class.
- . USPS University Seminar on Marine Radar (2 hrs) is scheduled on January 17th (note change in date). 7 squadron members have signed up; we have 5 more kits available. David Good & P/C Travis Smith will be presenting the seminar at the SJIYC 1830-2030.
- . The Advanced Piloting class will start on January 18th & will continue for 8 consecutive weeks with major focus on electronic navigation using chart-plotter, GPS & radar as the primary tools, along with emphasizing traditional positioning techniques for operating in unfamiliar waters. All classes will be held at the SJIYC & begin at 1900 on Tuesday evenings. P/C Travis Smith & PBC Ann Einboden are the instructors.
- . Engine Maintenance will begin on April 5th & run for 7 weeks with Safety Officer Ed Ferro the instructor.

AO – Bruce Galton

- . The January 6th General Meeting is set with Henry Wendt speaking on Mapping the American West Coast. A flyer has been sent out.
- . February 3rd General Meeting - Steve Percer will be speaking on Boating Etiquette. In addition, Friends of the San Juan's, Tina Whitman, will be asked to give a 10 minute overview on the "Cost Share Program" regarding upgrading buoys & installations to reduce impacts to the eelgrass habitat.
- . Cdr. Carolyn Bowen & AO Bruce Galton will maintain the member email distribution list. The AO will provide announcements of our big events to local publications such as S.J. Islander.

Treasurer – Cdr. Carolyn Bowen for Dan Watson

- . As of 12/14/10 our Business Certificate is \$2,637.28 at an interest rate of 1.34%.

- . Our Checking Account balance is \$5,472.13, over and above the \$1,000 deduction for the Derelict Vessel Program for 2011.
- Secretary – Penny Woodall had nothing to report.

Committee Reports:

Membership Committee – John Towson

- . No new members, but our current membership stands at 185 - second in D/16 for 2010.
- . We have a couple of inductions for Thursday's General Meeting.

VSC – Ed Ferro for Burke Critchfield

- . We're number one with 237 VSC's; Bremerton came in 2nd. This is a new record for our Squadron. The green decals for 2011 have been sent (not received yet) & they've issued FHPS 270!

- . Surprisingly few FHPS members had their boat inspected. It was suggested we list the names of members who have had their boat inspected for 2011 in Harbor Lights.

- . P/C Marc Forlenza volunteered to contact an officer of the SJIYC & ask if they would make an announcement urging all boat owners to have their vessels inspected.

Safety Officer – Ed Ferro had nothing additional to report.

PBC – Ann Einboden

- . ABC classes are scheduled at Skagit Valley College on March 5, 12 & 19th - 0800-1200. An announcement will be forthcoming & will include information on the 50% discount to young students currently enrolled in school.

Rules Committee – Ron Einboden deferred to New Business.

Old Business:

- . Holiday Party/General Meeting December 2nd – Cdr. Carolyn Bowen

A record 68 enjoyed our fabulous cocktail hour & buffet. The dinner revenue was \$1,380; the auction \$4,975; expenses were \$1,318.09; net income: \$3,656.91. Thanks to everyone who helped put this together & make it such a big success.

- . Spring Council, Saturday, February 12 – Cdr. Carolyn Bowen

F.H. is hosting this luncheon/ meeting at the SJIYC. We'll need volunteers to help get people from the ferry (1045) to the SJIYC & back when the meeting is adjourned, and to greet, welcome & register (1100). Please wear your FHPS red t-shirt; contact Toni Bailey if you don't have one yet. Check Harbor Lights for additional information.

New Business:

- . Rules Committee – Ron Einboden

A draft for the FHPS Bylaws, which hadn't been amended for 5 years, has been completed. This was done to comply with the latest USPS model Bylaws for squadrons. The major change was to eliminate the class of "Family Member" to "Family Unit". A resolution/motion was made by PBC Ann Einboden to amend the current Bylaws, seconded by AO Bruce Galton, and unanimously passed by the Executive Committee. The revised Bylaws will be emailed to the Executive Committee for review & then made available for members at two consecutive General Meetings. There's no deadline for the preliminary submission.

- . Calendar of events – Cdr. Carolyn Bowen advised that a complete list for 2011 has been posted on our website. Special events were discussed.

*Visit to the Canadian Institute of Ocean Sciences in Sidney, B.C. – P/C Travis Smith - This one day visit will be scheduled for early May & is in progress with 52 squadron members & 18 vessels signed up. Awaiting feedback from Len Burton, Brentwood Bay's Squadron Commander & Michael Ward, the IOS's Liaison Officer who are both coordinating the visit.

*Rendezvous with Bellingham Sail & Power Squadron – Cdr. Carolyn Bowen will look at scheduling this weekend cruise in April to Blakely or Sucia.

*Spring Picnic – A/O Bruce Galton along with Steve Percer will make reservations for May 5th. Flyer will come with details when finalized.

*Pig War – P/C Fred Bowen, tentatively scheduled at Roche Harbor 7/8-10.

*Fall Picnic – A/O Bruce Galton to name location when confirmed for 9/8.

*Holiday Party – Cdr. Carolyn Bowen considering having Felicitations cater some of this event and will look into holding it on 12/8 at either the SJIYC again or possibly the Golf Club.

Other Business:

Notifications from National – Cdr. Carolyn Bowen

. SailAngle publication from National has made enrollment automatic, but you can opt out by 1/14/2011. Eventually it will be the only way to communicate with National.

Below are some of the interesting articles found in SailAngle.

*State Parks Boating Safety for 2011 requires all 35 years & younger to have a “Boater Safety Card” which you receive after taking the Boating Safety Course. A fine of \$87 will be given if you don't have this card.

*Dock closures in the San Juan's - Jones & Sucia Island docks have been removed until sometime late March or early April.

Commander's Challenge will be done again this year. We placed 4th in 2010 - D/16.

Awards for FHPS website & newsletter – Cdr. Carolyn Bowen

. Thanks to our Webmaster David Good, we received the Distinctive Communicator Award for both our Newsletter & Website.

February 3rd General Meeting – Cdr. Carolyn Bowen suggested we do something different for our potluck. Specific dinner items such as entrée of your favorite chili recipe; variety of salads; breads/rolls; desserts with the Squadron donating garnishes of sour cream, chopped onions & grated cheese. The committee agreed & a flyer will come out soon with specifics.

Next Ex/Com meeting - Tuesday, February 1, 2011.

Meeting adjourned @ 1427.

Respectfully submitted,
Penny Woodall, Secretary