

FRIDAY HARBOR POWER SQUADRON

General Meeting – January 6, 2011

Cdr. Carolyn Bowen called the Meeting to Order @ 1830. There were 49 members & 7 guests present. Carolyn Haugen, Secretary elect, led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Invocation was led by Steve Percer. Minutes of the General Meeting/Holiday Party on December 2, 2010 were approved as posted.

Cdr. Carolyn Bowen welcomed guests: Chita Miller & Roger Morris; Stanley & Margie Patrick; M. Martin; P/D/C Kenneth & Pat Smith from D/28 (Balboa). Rick Benedict (member) & Ann were welcomed back, having been absent for some time. Cdr. Carolyn Bowen also welcomed & congratulated FHPS member Peg Gerlock who is the SJIYC's Rear Commodore for 2011.

Squadron Officers' Reports:

XO: Marc Forlenza – Updated on the Derelict Vessel Program (DVP).

- The FHPS took on this project in October 2010. We raised the \$5,000 needed to kick off the program and went over our goal by an additional \$1,500. Interest in this project continues. A separate account has been set up & we thank the generous participants for their contributions. Milene Henley will be overseeing the program & bids will be submitted to the county. P/C Forlenza who spearheaded this project will continue to monitor it as it moves forward.

SEO: PBC Ann Einboden for Travis Smith -

- Fall Piloting Course was completed in December with 9 students. Exams should be returned this month.
- The Marine Radar Seminar initially scheduled for January 10 has been moved to Monday, January 17. The seminar will be at the SJIYC @ 1900. There are no more Student Kits available but squadron members are welcome to attend the free Power Point Presentation. David Good & P/C Travis Smith are the presenters.
- Advanced Piloting Course will begin on Tuesday, January 18 & run for 8 weeks. All classes will be held at the SJIYC & start at 1900. Nine squadron members have signed up to date. PBC Ann Einboden & P/C Travis Smith are the course instructors.
- The squadron's Spring Engine Maintenance Class is scheduled to start on Tuesday, April 5 & run for 7 weeks. Safety Officer Ed Ferro is the course instructor. Contact Ed Ferro or P/C Travis Smith if you wish to sign up for this hands-on informative class.

AO: Bruce Galton –

- Squadron members, their friends & neighbors are a great source for General Meeting speakers. If you hear of any potential speakers, please contact AO Bruce Galton. We are fully lined up until our summer recess and extend our thanks for those who have contributed.
- We're currently getting the Spring Picnic May 5 and the Fall Picnic September 8th firmed up.
- P/C Travis Smith is working on the Sidney trip (early May) to visit the Canadian Institute of Ocean Sciences. 52 squadron members & 18 boats have signed up. Check our website for updates as well as all upcoming events.
- P/C Marc Forlenza once again thanked AO Bruce Galton for coming forth & filling the vacated AO position for late 2010 & 2011. He's done a great job & we need more like him!

Treasurer: Cdr. Carolyn Bowen for Dan Watson - reported as of 12/14/10 our checking account balance is \$5,472.13 (after deducting \$1,000 for the DVP); Business Certificate is \$2,637.28 @ 1.34% int. rate

Secretary: Penny Woodall – had nothing to report.

Committee Reports:

Membership Committee: John Towson - reported total membership 185, 2^d in D/16.

- Inductions were held for Bruce & Kimberly Galton.

Membership Involvement: Steve Percer –

- February 3rd General Meeting Steve Percer will speak on Boating Etiquette; visiting boats or on your own boat – “proper etiquette”.

VSC: Burke Critchfield deferred to Safety Officer Ed Ferro –

- We're still number one in the Nation & District/16 with 237 VSC's, a new record! Thanks to our inspectors: Ann Einboden, Kerwin Johnson, David Good, Virgil Boyt, Jim Hooper & VSC Burke Critchfield.
- We've been issued 270 decals for 2011. FHPS' got 'lost in the mail' so we'll be borrowing some until ours arrive. We're expecting all FHPS members to get their boat(s) inspected this year & urge you to notify your friends, dock mates, etc. to help us reach our new goal!

Safety Officer: Ed Ferro – had nothing additional to report

PBC: Ann Einboden –

- Next ABC classes are scheduled at Skagit Valley College for March 5, 12 & 19th. Three Saturday classes from 0800 – 1200.
- Anyone 35 years or younger, effective January 2011, is required to have a “Boaters Safety Card”, which you receive after taking the Boating Safety Course. A fine of \$87 may be imposed by some authorities if you are stopped and do not have this card. Notify anyone in that age group to sign up for this class if they've not taken it.

Old Business:

December Holiday Party Summary – **Cdr. Carolyn Bowen**

- The most successful yet! Our 'cause' this year was the Derelict Vessel Program. The dinner brought in \$1,380; the auction \$3,585 = \$4,975. Expenses were \$1,318.09 giving us a net of \$3,356.61.

Spring Council Reminder, Saturday, February 12th, SJIYC – **Cdr. Carolyn Bowen**

- The FHPS will be hosting this luncheon/meeting. We'll need volunteers to greet & assist. More information, Registration Form & the agenda will be forthcoming.

New Business:

Calendar of Events for 2011 – **Cdr. Carolyn Bowen**

- Visit to the Canadian Institute of Ocean Sciences (IOC) in Sidney, B.C. early May.
- Rendezvous with Bellingham Sail & Power Squadron early April to Blakely.
- Pig War on 7/9 (7/8-10) at Roche Harbor; FHPS hosting.
- Spring Picnic (5/5) and Fall Picnic (9/8)
- Holiday Party (12/8).
- Check the website for all our events.

Other Business:

Awards for FHPS – **Cdr. Carolyn Bowen**

- Distinctive Communicator Awards were given to the FHPS for both our Newsletters & Website thanks to our **Webmaster David Good**.

Next General Meeting is Thursday, February 3, 2011 at the Grange.

- In addition to the “Boat Etiquette Skit” by Steve Percer, a brief presentation regarding a community project, “Cost Share Program” will be given by Friends of the

San Juan's, Tina Whitman. The focus is on upgrading buoys & installations to reduce impacts to the eelgrass habitat.

- February potluck will be a Chili Night. Alphabetical assignments will be coming out in the flyer with 4 basic menu items: chili, salads, breads/rolls & desserts.

Business Meeting adjourned @ 1945.

AO Bruce Galton – Introduced Guest Speaker, Henry Wendt: Mapping the Pacific Coast.

An informative overview on “What Thomas Jefferson knew when he commissioned Lewis & Clark was presented by Henry Wendt (FHPS member). He & his wife, Holly, have collected rare antique maps & now have great map collections. Forty-nine of their items are “traveling” in 9 museums & will end up at the Columbia River Museum in Astoria, Oregon. The Wendt's had their catalogs available (\$30) that accompany the exhibit tours. An excellent discussion ensued & was enjoyed by all.

Meeting adjourned @ 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

Penny Woodall, Secretary