

FRIDAY HARBOR POWER SQUADRON

General Meeting – February 3, 2011

Cdr. Carolyn Bowen called the Meeting to Order @ 1825 and reminded everyone to sign-in on the attendance sheets being passed around. There were 44 members & 2 guests present.

And the Cap'n Ed Oscar goes to..."Boat Etiquette"

2011 Producer & Director Award: Steve Percer **Best Actress:** Abigail Finney

Supporting Actor: Fred Bowen

Sound Effects: Marc Forlenza & Bruce Galton

This skit focused on the proper "do's & don'ts" of boating. Highlighted were such things as: proper apparel, documents, foods & beverages, firearms & consideration of storage space when a guest. Further as a guest: note location of safety gear; offer to pay for overnight moorage; limit gifts to useful on board items; keep noise level low (like flushing toilets at midnight) and *always* ask, "**Permission to come aboard**". A great presentation!

Break for dinner @ 1847 with the meeting resuming at 1945.

Frank Penwell, Master of the Grange, led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Invocation was led by Steve Percer. Minutes of the General Meeting on January 6, 2011 were approved as posted. Cdr. Carolyn Bowen welcomed guests Abigail Finney and Tina Whitman. Cdr. Bowen also welcomed & congratulated FHPS member Bish Wheeler who is SJIYC's Fleet Captain for 2011. "The rest of the SJIYC's Bridge" are also members of our squadron & here tonight are: Commodore Bruce Hall & wife Dianne; Vice Commodore Bill Wertz & wife Maria; and the squadron's Webmaster, David Good, a new SJIYC Board Member. We've many joint events this Spring & Summer & hope you all will participate in the fun.

Tina Whitman, Friends of the San Juans Science Director, was introduced & gave a brief & informative talk on the "Cost Share Program" to upgrade buoys & help with new installations in order to reduce impacts to the eelgrass habitat & endangered species. A short question & answer period followed & a brochure with more details & a map were handed out. To learn more about eelgrass, visit www.sanjuans.org/eelgrassHealth.htm.

Squadron Officers' Reports:

XO: Marc Forlenza -

- Asked for anyone who has experience and would be willing to write grant(s) for the squadron to contact him. The squadron has a few ideas that we're "creatively nurturing" to help support safety & environmental projects for 2011. There's money available & a grant would certainly help our "wish list" become a reality.
- The Derelict Vessel Program has \$6,500 with \$1,500 of it towards next year, all of which we have in a separate account. Milene Henley has put out a RFP (Request For Proposal) to get bids for towing, etc. P/C Forlenza will continue to monitor & give updates on the progress of this program.

SEO: Cdr. Carolyn Bowen for Travis Smith -

- The Advanced Piloting class started mid-January with 12 squadron members & is presently into its 3rd week. This is the new AP Course released in 2009 with primary focus on using GPS, chart plotters & computer assisted navigational systems, along with additional electronic equipment such as radar, autopilots & depth sounders. Time proven traditional tools are also covered, i.e. DR plots using dividers, protractors & paper charts. The class continues to build coastal &

inland navigation skills & covers topics including collision avoidance using radar & working with tides & currents. Instructors are Ann Einboden, AP and Travis Smith, SN.

- The Marine Radar Seminar was completed with 31 attendees. David Good, AP & Travis Smith, SN were the presenters.
- All schedules for classes & seminars are listed on our website.

AO: Bruce Galton –

- March 3rd Meeting--Mike Clark will tell us about being on a submarine during the Cold War.
- April 7th is the COW held at the SJIYC. A sign-up sheet will be passed around tonight & at our March 3rd meeting asking for volunteers to bring an appetizer or dessert.
- The joint rendezvous, April 8-10, with the Bellingham Sail & Power Squadron is awaiting response from Blakely Marina. Cap Sante Marina, Anacortes, is another option being considered. Cdr. Carolyn Bowen will continue to communicate with Bellingham's AO.
- May 1st is Opening Day!
- The Spring Picnic May 5 and the Fall Picnic September 8th will be held at Lakedale Resort.
- P/C Travis Smith has received the Canadian Institute of Ocean Sciences (IOS) Tour Request Form. An email will be sent to the 53 members who have signed up to find out specific areas of interest in order for the IOS to better facilitate our visit. This one day trip is planned for early May.
- P/C Fred Bowen reminded us of the June 11-12 Predicted Log that we'll chair with the SJIYC.
- P/C Marc Forlenza would like us to be in the July 4th Parade again this year. It's a great way to advertise the FHPS. We'll be getting volunteers & forming a committee soon; T-shirts available.
- July 9 is the Pig War! P/C Fred Bowen has scheduled this at Roche Harbor.
- December 8th (2nd Thursday in December) will be our Holiday General Meeting.
- Check our website for updates & announcements.

Treasurer: Dan Watson –

- Our checking account balance is \$5,773.28 and our Business Certificate is \$2,640.28. We've contributed \$1,000 to the Derelict Vessel Program for this year.

Secretary: Penny Woodall –

- Please sign the attendance sheets being passed around.
- The March 3rd General Meeting - our Assistant Secretary, Jan Ferro will be filling in for me.

Committee Reports:

Membership Committee: John Towson -

- One new member: Gene Krattli, who is actually being reinstated. He was a member in 2003.
- Cdr. Carolyn Bowen congratulated John Towson & our squadron for placing 2nd in the District for membership & retention for 2010. Also, P/C Travis Smith will receive on behalf of our squadron, an award being presented in Orlando at the National Meeting. This award is for FHPS placing in the top 5 squadrons in our Division for the USPS National Growth Award sponsored by the Membership Committee.
- P/C Marc Forlenza thanked & praised Cdr. Carolyn Bowen for putting us on the USPS map!

VSC: Burke Critchfield –

- We're starting off this year with 5 inspectors, 300 decals & 400 inspection forms.

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. If you know anyone new to boating or needs a "Boater Education Card", encourage them to sign up for this class.

Old Business:

- Spring Council Reminder, Saturday, February 12th, SJIYC 1100 **Cdr. Carolyn Bowen**
This is a great way to learn about the inner workings of District & meet other Commanders, Officers & members. Lunch is \$16 & no charge otherwise. The registration form is on our website.

New Business:

- Squadron By-laws - Rules Committee Chair – **Ron Einboden**
The Squadron's bylaws, which hadn't been amended for 5 years, have been completed to conform to the current USPS policy. Each table has a copy of the draft bylaws & a summary of the changes. The major change was to eliminate the class of "Family Member" to "Family Unit". If you want a draft emailed to you, let me know. We'll have the draft & summary available for review at our March 3rd General Meeting & a vote of the membership to adopt the new bylaws will be taken.

Other Business:

- **Cdr. Carolyn Bowen** invited everyone to Haley's on Saturday March 19th to meet with the Skagit Bay Sail & Power Squadron who comes here every year for lunch.
- A Commander's Coin was presented to Abigail Finney for starring in "Boat Etiquette" and to Steve Percer for creating and producing the skit.
- The June D/16 rendezvous at Poulsbo registration form is on our website.

Meeting adjourned @ 2025.

Respectfully submitted,
Penny Woodall, Secretary